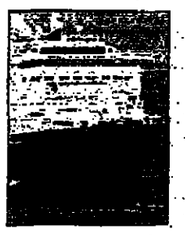
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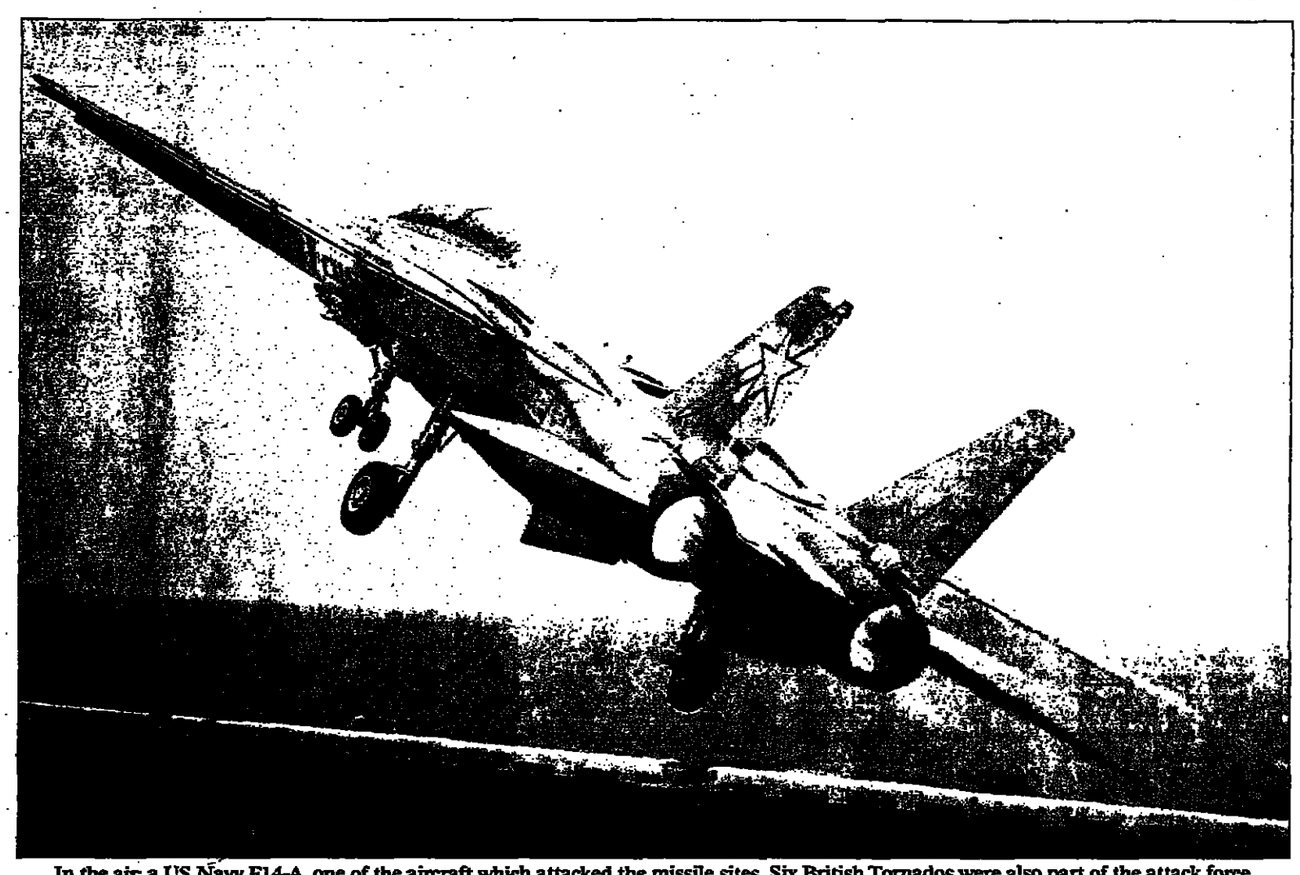
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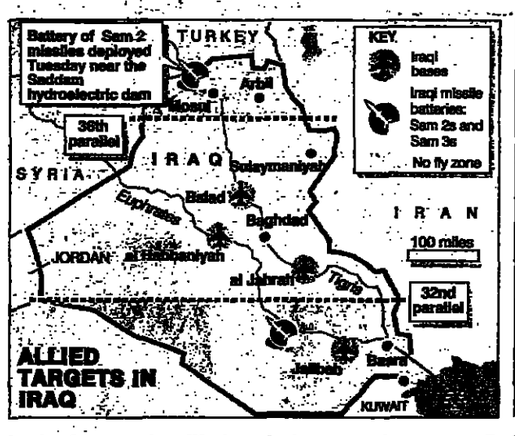
Allied warplanes bomb Iraq



Saddam: given a "short, sharp and telling lesson" following the latest incursion



In the air: a US Navy F14-A, one of the aircraft which attacked the missile sites. Six British Tornados were also part of the attack force



Briton killed in Bosnia

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Lance Corporal Wayne John Edwards yesterday became the first British soldier to die in Bosnia when the Warrior armoured vehicle he was driving while escorting an ambulance was hit by small arms fire. It is not known who fired the shots.

L Cpl Edwards, 26 and single, of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, who came from Wrexham, north Wales, died in the central Bosnian town of Gornı Vakuf, where he was based west of Vitez, as Croat and Muslim soldiers exchanged fire.

John Major said: "This soldier has lost his life in working to save the lives of many others. No one can make a greater sacrifice that that. His family have my deepest sympathy."

Today, the cabinet will approve reinforcements to give extra protection to the 2,400 British troops. The military package will consist of the carrier HMS *Ark Royal*, which sails from Portsmouth today with two warships and three support vessels, including the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, *Argus*; six 105mm artillery pieces; a squadron of Jaguar aircraft and several Tornado aircraft and Chinook helicopters.

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By Martin Fletcher and Our Foreign Staff

WARPLANES from America, Britain and France bombed Iraqi targets last night in a three-hour air strike in retaliation for President Saddam Hussein's persistent violations of United Nations resolutions. The White House also announced that it was sending a military task force to Kuwait.

Dozens of combat and strike aircraft, including six British Tornados, took part in last night's raid, which was said by a British official to deal Saddam "a short, sharp and telling lesson". Their aim was to destroy anti-aircraft missile batteries in southern Iraq and Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said afterwards that their mission had been accomplished. "All the planes returned to their bases," he said.

America had given no thought to attempting to target Saddam personally, Mr Fitzwater added, noting that the relevant UN resolutions did not authorise such an action. But the allies stood ready to take "additional actions" if necessary to assure compliance with the Gulf war ceasefire terms, and President Bush had deployed a battalion task force to Kuwait to guard against Iraqi incursions.

Last night's mission was launched as Iraqi salvagers crossed into Kuwait for the fourth time in as many days and as the government newspaper reaffirmed the country's determination to reclaim the neighbouring emirate whose invasion led to the Gulf war two years ago this weekend.

Over the past few weeks, Iraq has repeatedly defied the UN and the Gulf war allies by placing anti-aircraft missiles in the exclusion zones in the north and south, by its incursions into Kuwait and by banning UN flights from Iraqi airspace. These shows of defiance have increasingly irritated the West, and yesterday Lawrence Eagleburger, the American Secretary of State declared: "Saddam Hussein is acting in an insane manner. He cannot be permitted to continue to act as irresponsibly as he has."

Yesterday, the Iraqi ambassador promised the UN that there would be no more cross-border forays and to lift the flight ban, but the move came too late to prevent air strikes that had become increasingly inevitable in the past week.

Mr Bush had in fact decided on Monday to order the raid during talks with his national security council, but bad weather prevented the assault. Last night the skies were clear for the first time in a week, providing what one official described as "a perfect bombing night".

By authorising the action a mere week before handing over to Bill Clinton, Mr Bush ensured a climax to his presidency matched only in recent times by Jimmy Carter's eleventh hour struggle in 1981 to free American hostages from Tehran. Shortly before the strikes, Warren Christopher, the incoming secretary of state, said the president-elect stood "shoulder to shoulder" with his predecessor, and afterwards, Mr Clinton's spokesman issued a statement saying that he supported the action and was pleased that it had apparently gone well. "President-elect Clinton stands four-square with the president in his determination to ensure compliance with all relevant UN resolutions."

In the Commons, Douglas Hurd gave MPs a hint of the impending action yesterday afternoon, saying that Iraq faced "serious consequences" for its defiance. MPs from all sides indicated their support for military action against the Baghdad regime. After the raid, Downing Street announced that the mission had been successful, adding that the action had been taken in self-defence "to ensure the safety of coalition aircraft patrolling the no-fly zone". The French defence ministry issued a similar statement.

The Iraqi people were given no indication that the attack was under way, although the state radio announced: "Crim-

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MPs will vote on Maastricht referendum

By Jonathan Prynn

PARLIAMENT is to debate whether to hold a referendum on the Maastricht Treaty, providing Euro-sceptics with a further chance to embarrass the government.

The referendum debate, announced yesterday, will be the last measure discussed during the line-by-line committee stage of the European Communities (Amendment) Bill. The prime minister is opposed to a referendum.

One leading Tory rebel MP, Bill Cash, welcomed the "historic" decision to allow debate on a clause calling for the British people to be given a say on the controverisal issue of European union.

Mr Cash, a leading campaigner for a referendum, said it was "demanded by 75 per cent of the British people". He will begin a campaign on Sunday with a rally in London, supported by MPs from the main political parties.

The referendum clause was in a schedule published yesterday of the dozens of amendments and clauses that have been chosen for debate by the deputy speaker out of the hundreds tabled by MPs. It is, however, almost certain to be defeated because Labour is opposed to a poll.

The prime minister has said that the Bill's third reading will not take place until after a second Danish referendum. Yesterday Mr Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, set April 27 as a possible date for another vote on the Maastricht treaty.

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Press to face new law on privacy

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent, and Alan Hamilton

AS THE controversy over the latest royal tapes continued yesterday, it emerged that newspapers would face hefty compensation claims from people whose privacy they had wrongly invaded under new government proposals.

The proposals will form the government's response to the publication today of the Calcutt report on press conduct.

Criminal laws banning the improper use of bugging devices and long-range cameras are expected to be accompanied by a new civil law of breach of privacy that would allow individuals to sue for damages if their privacy had been infringed by improper or illegal means. Both are expected to be opposed strongly by the media and the legal profession.

The Prince and Princess of Wales went about their separate businesses yesterday, attempting to maintain some semblance of normality.

The prince accompanied the Duke of Edinburgh to the Shetlands to see the damage caused by the oil tanker *Braer*, a visit twice postponed from Monday by the storms that have lashed the north for days.

At a press conference at Sumburgh, the duke became involved in a brief and angry exchange with a television reporter who asked if his visit had been overshadowed by yesterday's disclosures of the so-called "Camillagate" tapes.

Visibly uncomfortable, the duke, having been told that the questioner represented ITN, snapped back: "I might have guessed." In reply to the original question, he said: "It's nothing to do with that."

The duke, who is international president of the World Wide Fund for Nature, said that the *Braer* disaster was a serious ecological incident but that it was nothing compared with the economic and social problems that were going to face the people of Shetland as a result.

The princess received a generally sympathetic reception as she carried out engagements in Lancashire, touring a lorry factory at Leyland and a hospital in Preston. Nearly 300 well-wishers waited more than hour in heavy rain to cheer her as she left the factory, and another large crowd greeted her at the Royal Preston Hospital.

Under the government's expected proposals the new civil law, aimed at protecting individuals in the same way that the trespass law protects property, would go well beyond offering protection against

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Moderates and radicals condemn UN 'double standards'



Mubarak: does not want Iraq weakened

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE ARAB WORLD

ANGER was mounting throughout the Arab world last night at what moderates and radicals condemned as United Nations double standards in acting toughly against Iraq but refusing to apply pressure to either Israel or Serbia.

The semi-official *Egyptian Gazette*, voice of the normally pro-Western government of President Mubarak, America's main Arab ally, attacked the UN's failure to stand up to Israel's refusal to take back the 415 Palestinian deportees, stranded in the Lebanese no man's land, or to tackle Serb atrocities against Bosnian Muslims. It was, the newspaper said, a recipe for "frustration and chaos".

"The vexed question is ringing for Arabs and Muslims everywhere," the newspaper added. "Why should the world manifest such resolve in standing up to Saddam's misconduct while turning a blind eye to the mass rapes and the declared ethnic cleansing policy pursued by the Serbs for over nine months now?"

Similar bitterness against the West was voiced by many of the Islamic fundamentalist deportees who were dumped in the no man's land last month. United Nations resolution 799 demands their return, but Israel has repeatedly refused to comply and has expressed its hope that America will veto any sanctions.

"We are very frustrated when we see security council resolutions implemented on some sides, like Iraq, and not implemented on others," said one of the alleged supporters of the Islamic extremist group Hamas, Fayez al-Khadour, 33. In the hours before the allied attack on Iraq, Hussein Abu Quaik, another deportee, complained: "The security council uses double standards. When it comes to Israel, the UN does not try to force it to comply like in other places."

Western diplomatic sources said that, just as during the Gulf war, attempts may be made to link the problems dealing with Iraq and the whole Palestinian question.

Moderate Arab leaders, including some of those who supported the Gulf war coalition against Iraq, were fearful that renewed violence against President Saddam Hussein could whip up support for Islamic fundamentalists, who opposed Arab support for the Gulf war. Leaders of two of the prominent members of the 1990 coalition, Egypt and Syria, met in Damascus yesterday to discuss the repercussions of possible renewed conflict between Iraq and the West. Mr Mubarak and President Assad of Syria fear that fresh attacks against Saddam could weaken Iraq's strategic position as a bulwark against Islamic fundamentalist Iran.

One Arab diplomat said that Egypt did not want to see Iraqi military power destroyed at a time when the Iranian government was reasserting its influence throughout the Middle East and into Africa and Central Asia. Mr Mubarak has recently accused Iran of plotting to subvert his administration. "It is a very embarrassing situation," the Cairo-based diplomat said. "On the one hand, Iraq is still violating resolutions of the security council but on the other, many Arab countries do not want to see the destruction of more Iraqi capabilities because it will only favour Iran."

Even on the streets of Cairo there is vocal support for Iraq, which was conspicuously absent during the Gulf war. "Saddam is a great man, he is a strong man who is standing up for his people," said a middle-aged Cairo taxi driver yesterday. Asked for his opinion of Mr Mubarak, he spat noisily out of his window.

The question being asked is whether vocal support for the Iraqi leader will be manifested in street protests and sympathetic terrorist violence now that the coalition has attacked Saddam. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are the strongest Arab backers of renewed military strikes against Iraq. Even in the conservative Gulf, however, voices of doubt have been raised about Western policy. Bahrain's *Akhbar al-Khalij* newspaper asked why it was that UN resolutions were always implemented against Iraq, while countless others against Serb crimes in Bosnia and about Israel and Palestine remained mere words on paper.

Saddam remains a hero among Palestinians and demonstrations in his support were expected in Palestinian camps even in countries such as Jordan, whose government has recently distanced itself from its Gulf war sympathies for him. One Arab official said before yesterday's attack: "There is a real danger that his pan-Arab stature will be greatly boosted if the bombs start to fall."

Saddam's press spokesman, Abduljabbar Muhsen, declared yesterday that the Iraqi leader and his people did not fear "33 states and 28 armies", a reference to the old multinational alliance, now effectively reduced to America, Britain and France. "Saddam will remain," he asserted. "Kuwait will remain in Iraq's shadow."

☐ **Jerusalem:** Israel offered fresh humanitarian concessions to the Palestinian deportees on the mountainside at Marj az-Zahour yesterday, but the move was not expected to satisfy UN demands that the exiled men be repatriated (Richard Beeston writes).

Shimon Peres, the foreign minister, who was in Paris to sign a convention banning chemical weapons, told Lawrence Eagleburger, the American Secretary of State, and Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, that Israel is prepared to make a unilateral gesture to ease the conditions of the men.

Taunts of defiant Saddam provoked Bush into action

■ A president usually leaves the Oval Office quietly. But George Bush has bequeathed a host of military operations to Bill Clinton

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush ensured yesterday that his one-term presidency will end with a bang, not a whimper.

Not satisfied with dispatching a big military task force to Somalia and signing the largest nuclear arms reduction treaty ever, he has now completed an extraordinary transition period by ordering new military strikes, just one week before Bill Clinton's inauguration, against his old enemy, President Saddam Hussein.

Transitions were not meant to be like this. Presidents defeated in the polls usually go quietly. The only notable exception in recent times was Jimmy Carter, whose final days in 1981 turned into a frantic race to free 50 US hostages in Iran.

Before the strikes began Mr Bush had virtually finished packing up his belongings from the Oval Office, yesterday morning, in one of those customary last-minute White House ceremonies that are performed by outgoing presidents.

It would be hard not to believe that Mr Bush took some personal satisfaction from last night's strikes. His long feud with Saddam had become intensely personal, and in part at least Saddam's recent defiance appeared designed to taunt him.

This resort to military action was also highly poignant, coming as it did almost two years to the day after the start of the Gulf war. The marshalling of a multinational coalition for Operation Desert Storm and the subsequent military victory was undoubtedly the Bush administration's finest hour, the accomplishment on which Mr Bush had

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been expected to coast to a comfortable re-election.

But Saddam's subsequent survival in power, defying the US and the UN at every turn, and the persistent drip-drip of disclosures of the Bush administration's past support for him, almost completely negated the electoral gains Mr Bush had counted on, and he had little else in the way of achievement to offer an electorate that was soured by an economic recession.

Saddam was truly the scourge of the Bush administration, and now Mr Bush is bequeathing him — maybe humbled, maybe not — to Mr Clinton. In recent days the Clinton camp has used every phrase in the book to underscore the president-elect's determination to ensure Saddam's compliance with UN resolutions, but there are some signs that he might be willing to go further still, perhaps by giving more concrete support to Iraqi opposition groups.

"It's striking how they are prepared to consider options that will indicate to Saddam that he can't get away scot free," said one source familiar with Mr Clinton's thinking.

At his Senate confirmation hearings yesterday, Warren Christopher, Mr Clinton's choice of Secretary of State, said the incoming administration stood "shoulder-to-shoulder" with Mr Bush. "I say with great determination that Saddam Hussein should not doubt for a second that we, the incoming administration, will meet the test," he said. "President Clinton will insist on unconditional compliance with UN resolution."

Mr Christopher has previous experience of handling such crises during presidential transition. In 1981 it was he, as deputy Secretary of State, who was negotiating the hostages release on President Carter's behalf, winning his own Medal of Freedom for his efforts. In the event the hostages were released within hours of Mr Reagan taking the oath of office.

There was some speculation yesterday that Mr Clinton's inauguration could be scaled down if the US was still engaged next Wednesday in open hostilities with Iraq. Harry Thomason, the television producer and Mr Clinton's friend who is helping organise the five days of festivities beginning this weekend, acknowledged the possibility, but said he believed: "It would still be appropriate to go with some version of the programme."

The strike should meanwhile ensure that Mr Bush, ever mindful of his place in history, will leave office with his approval ratings surging. Military action of any sort traditionally boosts the incumbent's popularity. After the Gulf war, Mr Bush touched a record 90 per cent. In the election two months ago he secured just 38 per cent. Even before last night's event, he had risen again to a respectable 50 per cent.

☐ **Reagan honoured:** In one of the final ceremonies of his own term in office, President Bush bestowed the Presidential Medal of Freedom on Ronald Reagan, telling his predecessor: "Millions thank God today that you were in the White House." He called him a "real American hero".

As Mr Reagan's wife and daughter, Maureen, watched, Mr Bush draped the medal on a royal blue ribbon around the neck of the 40th president. "From time to time I have been called a great communicator," said Mr Reagan, who will be 82 next month. "I'll tell you, it's not an easy thing to communicate what I feel right now. Receiving the Medal of Freedom is a great honour."

The former president became the 302d recipient of the nation's highest civilian honour, and the 38th of Mr Bush's tenure in the White House. The citation accompanying the medal said Mr Reagan "symbolises all that is best in America. As president, he ennobled the American spirit around the world, he burnished America's lamp of liberty."

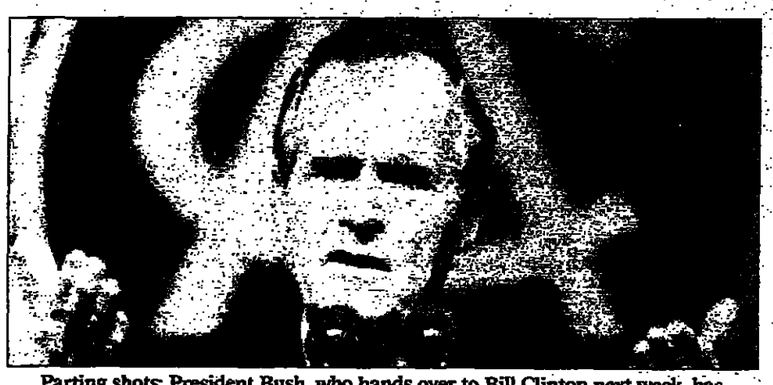
President Kennedy created the medal in 1963 by executive order, but did not live to choose any recipients. A White House description of the honour says it is awarded by the president "to those persons who he deems have made especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavours".

Mr Bush had presented the medal previously to 37 others who became famous in their fields. They range from Baroness Thatcher to the racing car driver Richard Petty, violinist Isaac Stern and the *Tonight Show* host, Johnny Carson.

"Ronald Reagan didn't just make the world believe in America, he made Americans believe in themselves," President Bush declared. "Few people believed more in liberty's inevitable triumph than Ronald Reagan. None was more a prophet in his time," he added.



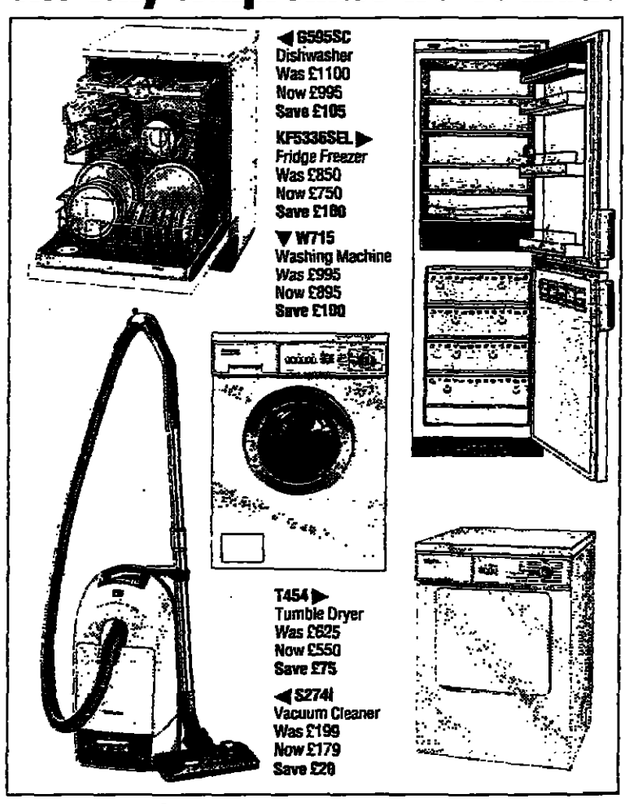
Lines in the sand: Umm Qasr, the town which was Iraqi before the Gulf war but was allocated to Kuwait after the conflict, when the United Nations redrew the border last November. In the distance are barracks and sheds which were part of an Iraqi naval base



Parting shots: President Bush, who hands over to Bill Clinton next week, has had an extraordinary transition period ordering new military strikes

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inal Bush seems to be bracing himself for a fresh aggression against Iraq." The station said that Iraq had declared that it would "respond with every available means in defence of its independence".

Later, the state television's main evening news programme read a telegram from the defence minister, Ali Hassan al-Majeed, to Saddam to mark Sunday's second anniversary of the start of the Gulf war. "The treacherous people have returned after less than two years to commit aggression against Iraq, to undermine what has been reconstructed by the brave Mujahidin. Your sons and soldiers stand like towering mountains in the face of the bad people and traitors, defending the country and offering their souls as a sacrifice for Iraqi soil, skies and water."

To the south, Kuwaitis pronounced strong support for the strike, with one leading newspaper columnist saying that Bush's decision had "burst the abcess" of the Baghdad government.

With sanctions beginning to bite and some prices in Baghdad 40 times what they were before the invasion of Kuwait, Saddam has been under pressure from members of his inner circle to make a bold gesture to reassert his control and image in the approach to the anniversary weekend. The defence minister has vowed during a tour of army bases in the south that there would be no retreat from Iraq's determination to free itself from what it sees as humiliating Western restrictions. And yesterday, Saddam's press spokesman Abduljaffar Muhsen wrote in the government newspaper *al-Jumhouriyah* that Kuwait would return to Iraq in defiance of the security council and America. He described the emirate as an integral part of Iraq.

In New York, however, Iraq capitulated on its two principal challenges to the UN. Its ambassador, Nazir Hamdoun said he had told the security council president that Iraq would stop moving property from Umm Qasr in the demilitarised zone until "resolving the problems that are outstanding with the Unikom (UN monitoring mission) people over there".

He added that Iraq would approve the flight requests from the special commission planes, but cautioned that the UN would be responsible for their security in the event of any allied attack. At about the same time, the American ambassador met the security council president to notify the council of the planned allied military action.

After 50 years, border claim still feeds patriotic passions

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

IRAQ'S belligerent claim yesterday that it would regain Kuwait was the latest in a long series of demands over the fiercely disputed border between the two oil-rich states.

Even critics of President Saddam Hussein acknowledge that his repeated assertions to sovereignty over Kuwait are backed by many of the Iraqi people and repeat demands that have been pursued over the past 50 years by monarchies and republics alike.

Much of the trouble has arisen because border demarcation in the featureless desert area hinges on the whereabouts of a 1923 border post described as being "just south of Safwan", and of a number of date palms deliberately planted by Iraq in the 1940s to confuse the map makers.

With the second anniversary of Baghdad's defeat in the Gulf war looming at the weekend, Saddam's press secretary, Abduljabbar Muhsen, said yesterday: "Kuwait shall return to Iraq in defiance of the security council and America." The official added: "(President) Bush does know that Kuwait is part of Iraq. This is an historic fact and the international treaties and world conspiracies cannot change the facts of history for ever." His remarks appeared designed to stoke up tension further at a time when renewed allied attacks were regarded by most of the Arab world as inevitable. They followed the line rigorously pursued by Baghdad since 1938 on two different levels: either that Kuwait should be administered as part of Iraqi territory, or that the frontier between Kuwait and Iraq should be modified to allow Iraq greater access to the waters of the Gulf.

In fact, the five-member border commission established after the 1991 Gulf war ceasefire found in favour of

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Kuwait on most points, insisting that the *de facto* boundary be shifted northwards by several hundred yards.

The move, flatly rejected by the Baghdad regime and not even countenanced by those exiled Iraqi opposition groups anxious to topple Saddam, was seen as sowing the seeds of a future war whose roots will continue to flourish, whatever the outcome of this week's immediate crisis.

A number of contested oil wells were ordered to be returned to Kuwait, as was the Iraqi-run naval port at Umm Qasr, where Iraqi demolition teams were again operating illegally yesterday for the fourth day in a row.

Five Iraqi police posts are also due to be shifted northwards by the end of this week, another deadline that Baghdad is reluctant to keep, and more than 250 Iraqi farmers who for years have been tilling soil now ruled as Kuwaiti also have to move north against their will.

Last October members of the anti-Saddam opposition resolved at their historic conference held in the Kurdish-dominated north of Iraq to request Kuwait to open its borders to allow men and material to pass to assist the Shia Muslims in southern Iraq. But the opposition, which has Western backing, could not bring itself to accept Kuwaiti conditions — solemn recognition not only of Kuwait, but of the extended boundaries as guaranteed by the UN Security Council last August. Baghdad's first claim to the whole of Kuwait, frequently described by Saddam as Iraq's 19th province and depicted as such in thousands of Baghdad-printed maps, was made in 1938 by the then foreign minister, Taufiq al-Suwadi. It was repeated in 1961 when Kuwait announced its independence from Britain.

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Allies fear Saddam will take revenge on minority groups

■ The Iraqi dictator's forces are still no match for the coalition, but, like the Shias and Kurds, Westerners could become his targets

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE confident boast by President Saddam Hussein that he will retaliate if attacked by US-led coalition bombers has forced Western governments to assess the options available to the Iraqi leader.

The fear is that he will take his revenge on either the Kurds in the north or the Shias in the south, the two minority communities the coalition forces have vowed to protect from Iraqi attacks.

The greatest concern is in the north where Saddam has five divisions equipped with the best of the armour that survived the Gulf war. The troops have a mixture of old Soviet T54 and T55 tanks, but also the more modern T72. They also have towed artillery and multiple rocket launchers.

The Kurds have limited weapons supplies, including some T54s and T55s, a handful of Iranian light artillery pieces, old multiple rocket launchers and mortars.

Although Saddam's military might was drastically reduced by the coalition, he has restructured his forces, converting his army into 30 divisions.

Weapons destroyed or captured during the war included about 3,000 tanks, 1,860 armoured vehicles and 2,140 artillery pieces. Today, Iraqi forces have about 2,000 tanks and 2,000 artillery pieces, twice the amount held by the British Army.

Iraq also has between 300 and 350 combat aircraft, although many of them are in poor order. During the Gulf war, Iraq lost 35 aircraft in air-to-air combat, more than 100 destroyed on the ground, and 112 that were flown to Iran where they have stayed. Aircraft that survived include MiG21s, MiG23s, MiG25s, MiG29s and Mirage F1s.

Under the United Nations resolution, all Iraq's Scud ballistic missiles should have been destroyed, either by Iraq itself or by UN weapons inspectors. But there are suspicions that the Iraqis have succeeded in hiding some Scuds. However, if these weapons were brought out from their hiding places, they would run the risk of being spotted by American reconnaissance satellites.

In terms of military manpower, Iraq has a larger force than the combined coalition forces based in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf. During the Gulf war, the coalition nearly matched the Iraqis man for man. However, the coalition still retains a marked superiority in weapons, communications and reconnaissance technology.

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The 150-200 allied aircraft, most of them American, far outclass the Iraqi air force and present the most potent threat to Saddam, along with the American carrier battle group, led by the *Kitty Hawk*, which is patrolling in the north of the Gulf. Three warships in the group are armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles.

The Iraqi army consists of about 350,000 men, down from a million men at arms at the start of the Gulf war.

The Americans have a total of 18,500 military personnel in the region, about 1,300 army, 4,300 air force and 12,450 navy. There are no US marines, but a 200-man joint task force headquarters is based in Saudi Arabia.

Since it is unlikely that Saddam would contemplate any attack on American forces in Kuwait or Saudi Arabia, his options for immediate revenge would focus on shooting down coalition aircraft sent to bomb Iraqi targets. There are also concerns that he might take Western hostages, as well as attack the Kurds or Shias. Since Saddam's threats of launching terrorist operations in the West during the Gulf war came to nothing, it seems unlikely that he would pursue this course of action.

Saddam has rebuilt most of Iraq's air defence network. This has been a priority for the Iraqi leader. There are also still huge stocks of anti-aircraft artillery which are placed around Iraq's 30 to 40 air bases.

During the Gulf war, many of the hardened aircraft shelters were targeted by coalition bombers using laser-guided weapons. However, it is known that a programme is underway to rebuild these shelters.

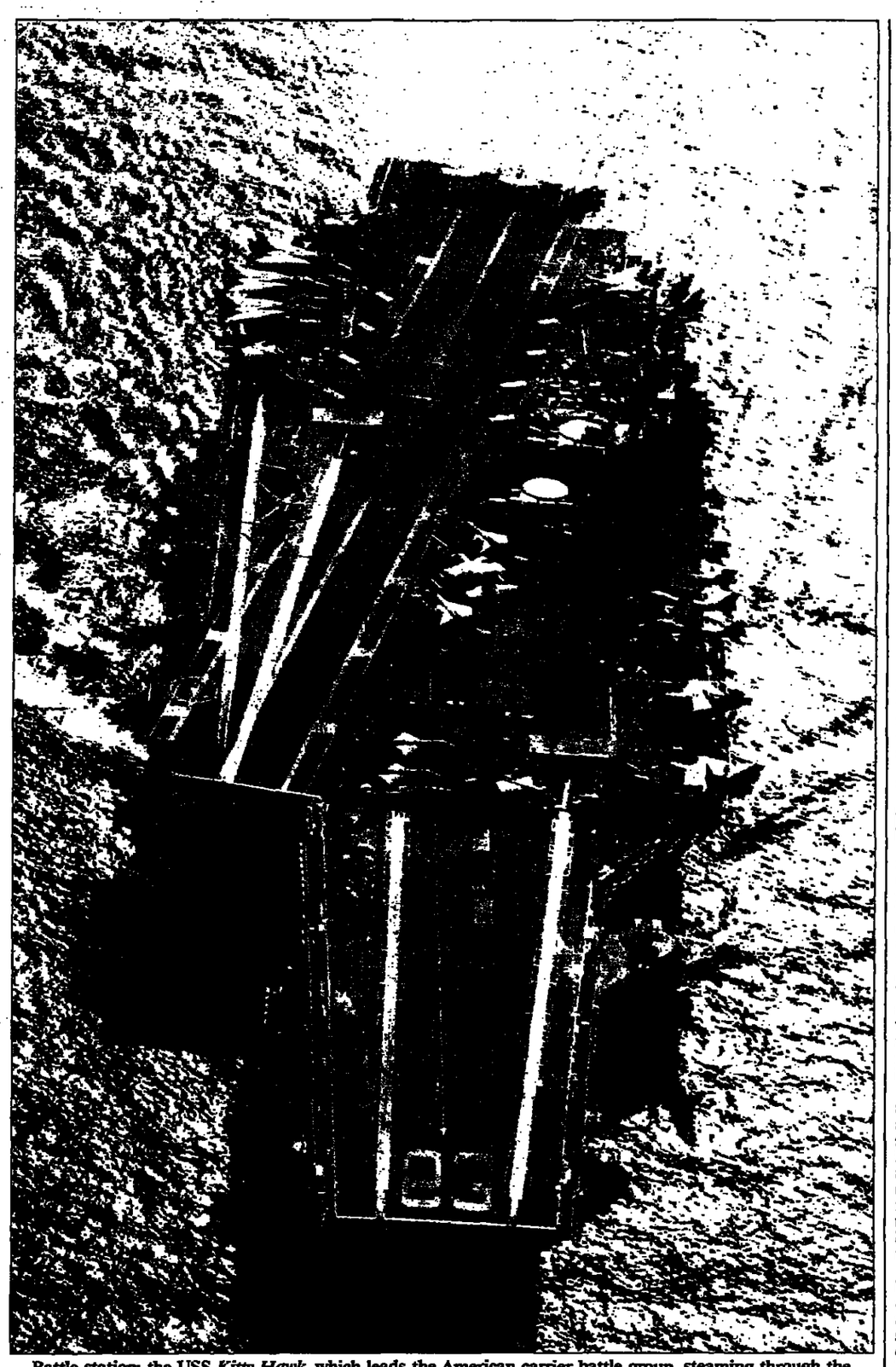
In the last few months, Iraqi aircraft have been engaged in training exercises aimed at learning lessons from the Gulf war. The Iraqi air force played a limited role in the war, taking on the coalition fighters only at the beginning of the allied air campaign.

Iraqi pilots are recognised in the West to be competent, especially those flying the latest Soviet MiG29s. However, Saddam decided against the risk of losing his best aircraft and ordered them to fly to safety in Iran. The planes were not returned as he had hoped.

Saddam has also created a new close protection security force of between 10,000 and 12,000 soldiers to guard him in Baghdad. They are his most devoted troops, entrusted with his safety.

Paris: France confirmed last night that its pilots were taking part in the attack on Iraqi surface-to-air missile sites south of the 32nd parallel. Speaking on Europe 1 radio, Pierre Joxe, the defence minister, said that the French air force had been poised for an offensive for several weeks and President Mitterrand had approved the mission (Sean Mac Carthaigh writes).

M Joxe said that the presence of ground-to-air missiles represented a threat to French, British and American airmen and had to be destroyed.



Battle station: the USS *Kitty Hawk*, which leads the American carrier battle group, steaming through the northern Gulf earlier this week. Three of its accompanying warships are armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles

Arms deal offered to Arabs by Peres

FROM REUTER IN PARIS

SHIMON Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, yesterday suggested to Arab states that the Middle East should be freed of arms of mass destruction.

"In the spirit of global pursuit of general and complete disarmament ... Israel suggests to all the countries of the region to construct a mutually verifiable zone, free of surface-to-surface missiles and of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons," he told an international conference on chemical weapons at the Unesco headquarters. Representatives of more than 115 nations had gathered to sign a treaty banning the manufacture, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons.

Mr Peres put forward the idea of a Middle East with a common market and collective security. "No nation in the region will enjoy genuine security unless all nations feel secure," he said.

In order to establish regional security, he said, it was

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necessary to: curtail the arms race and prevent the proliferation of destabilising weapons; build and nurture mutual confidence between states; diminish the levels of suspicion, hostility and conflagration; reduce the incentives and capabilities for launching surprise attacks; ensure compliance with arms control accords; and install mutual challenge inspections once peace has been established.

He said that arms control arrangements should be agreed and include all the states of the region. "Priority in this process ought to be assigned to systems whose destabilising potential and effects have been proven through their use in wars and have inflicted mass casualties," he said.

"I call upon our Arab neighbours to establish a broad arms control dialogue with us, and I call upon all parties to sign the chemical warfare convention and build a new Middle East free of the horrors of war," Mr Peres said.

Diplomats concede aid efforts by UN have failed to thwart Baghdad

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ANKARA

IF NOT too little and months too late, the aid effort organised by the United Nations has failed the Kurds of northern Iraq this winter in important ways, Western diplomats and UN officials believe. The Kurds have been left vulnerable not just to the Iraqi divisions south of Arbil and surface-to-air missiles along the 36th parallel, but to a network of government agents fomenting discontent.

Economic sanctions operating against Iraq have put paid to Kurdish efforts to restore

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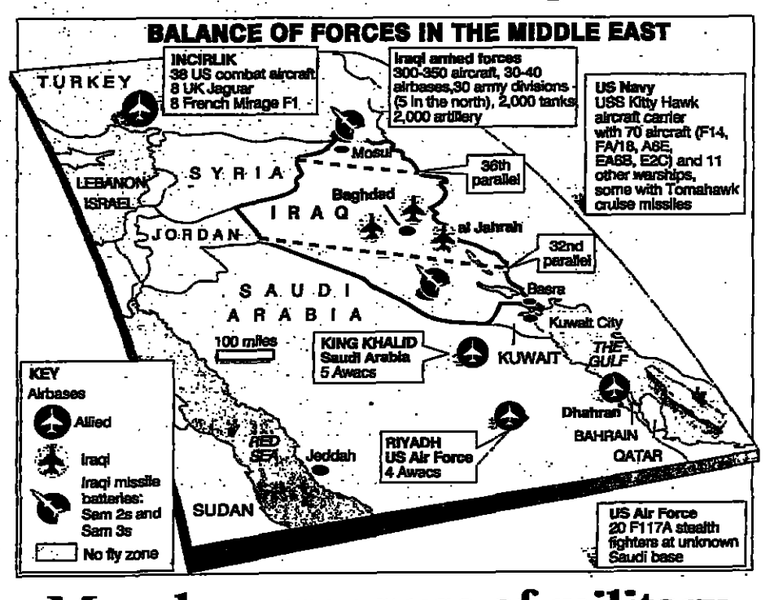
northern industries. Agriculture's revival has been thwarted by the omission of diesel oil from a memorandum of understanding between the UN and Baghdad. Although farmers have been given the seed, many are unable to get it into the ground by tractor.

Although food is in short supply, cold is the greatest problem. Paraffin for villages and towns cut off from electricity has become a luxury few can afford. In such circumstances, it takes little money from Baghdad to reactivate a network of informers and saboteurs. Bombs in centres like Arbil have become more frequent. The murder of an Australian aid worker has halted distribution in the east of Iraqi Kurdistan where help is needed most.

Few among the Western diplomats in Ankara who monitor the situation have any doubt that Baghdad's intention is to re-enter the north. By offering double the market rate, Baghdad has managed to buy up much of last spring's harvest.

"The problem is not the memorandum of understanding, but Saddam Hussein," said one Western envoy.

Few believe the UN can escape all blame. An internal UN memorandum obtained by *The Times* criticises the organisation's performance in the initial Kurdish crisis in 1991. It describes an effort constantly tripping over its own lack of co-ordination, without clear accountability.



Meacher urges use of military force to protect north's lifeline

BY JAMES LANDALE

MICHAEL Meacher, the shadow minister for overseas development, called yesterday for military force to protect the Kurds in northern Iraq.

He said that if the United Nations was ready to use military action to enforce the no-fly zones in Iraq, "then how much more should the UN be ready to issue an ultimatum and to enforce it to secure the lifeline for 3,500,000 Kurdish people". He added: "The language of force is the only one which will make Saddam comply.".

Mr Meacher, just back from a nine-day visit to the Kurdish area of Iraq, said that the Kurds faced a "double blockade" from President Saddam Hussein and from the UN sanctions imposed after the Gulf war. He called for the UN trade embargo to be lifted "rather than leave the Kurds dangling at the end of a precarious UN aid line".

He said that the Iraqi army should be forced to withdraw south and west of the road between Turkey and Arbil, the Kurdish capital, to prevent further attacks on the UN supply line. Twenty such attacks have occurred recently. Mr Meacher said the allied powers should make it clear that the provision of air cover would continue indefinitely and called for the UN to lower its no-fly zone from the 36th to the 34th parallel so that it would cover the whole of the Kurdish area.

He said: "The situation in northern Iraq is one of catastrophe. There is virtually no food. People are living on bread, water and tea. Those who are ill are at risk because there is no heating." Each family has been allocated just 100 litres of paraffin — enough for three weeks — for the whole winter, while temperatures fall to -20C. Mr Meacher predicted tens of thousands of Kurdish deaths this winter.

About 4,500 of the 5,000 villages in Kurdistan have been destroyed by Saddam, creating half a million refugees. Mr Meacher said that shelter was scarce, and that in one town, families were living in former secret police cells. He said mothers were leaving their babies in mosques overnight because they have no food to give them.

☐ **Ankara:** Kurdish guerrillas in northern Iraq have been placed on "maximum alert" along their front facing Iraqi troops after Baghdad sent reinforcements into the area to guard anti-aircraft weapons, a Kurdish source said.

The source, contacted in Arbil, said that the anti-aircraft missiles and troop reinforcements were in the region of Mosul, within the no-fly zone imposed by the allies after the Gulf war.

The Kurdish authorities called the alert in response to "an increase in tension" in northern Iraq following the stand-off between Baghdad and the American administration over Iraqi missiles, the source said.

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Espionage expert says few had access to equipment necessary to monitor conversations

MI5 ignores claim that it bugged royal telephones

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT AND STEWART TENDLER

AS SPECULATION intensified yesterday about who had the resources and the motive to make tapes of royal conversations, MI5 officials tried to shrug off accusations that their agents were responsible. Security sources last night indicated that they did not feel the allegations were of sufficient substance to warrant a response.

The debate centres on three tapes, all made around December 1989, the most sensational allegedly of a mobile-telephone conversation between the Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker Bowles.

Lord Rees-Mogg, who, in an article in *The Times* on Monday originally accused the security service of making the recordings, said that while he had no evidence that its agents were responsible, he remained convinced that the tapes were the result of systematic surveillance. "All those tapes were made in the space of one month. The most likely explanation is that MI5 did it to protect the royal family at a time of danger from the IRA. I don't think there was any sense of wrong-doing but once they were made, from that point on there was a danger of a leak," he said.

One theory is that, once taped, the conversations were rebroadcast in the hope that amateur electronic eavesdroppers would pick them up. Another is that there was a concerted campaign by a new breed of electronic paparazzi. They sought to take advantage of a period three years ago when mobile telephones proliferated but the dangers of eavesdropping were not fully realised.

The only formal links between the intelligence community and the royal family are the threat-assessments prepared by MI6, responsible for overseas operations when royals travel abroad. Few doubt that the internal services would take an interest in "inappropriate" activities by members of the family that came to their attention.

The first appearance of the tape of an alleged conversation between the Prince of Wales and Mrs Parker Bowles was reported in the *Daily Mirror* last November. However, last week a Manchester-based freelance journalist is understood to have contacted newspapers and magazines around the world with the offer of a transcript and a copy of the original tape. His asking price to a number of Fleet Street newspapers was £50,000. It is understood that none took up his offer.

Hugo Cornwall, an expert on industrial espionage, said yesterday that it was possible to use a scanner and equipment which could monitor one mobile telephone number to pick up calls, but the necessary devices were not generally available.

Models made abroad cost about £16,000 each and would be used by radio engineers, networks checking the operation of mobile telephones and government agencies such as GCHQ. Mr Cornwall said the equipment could be operated only by skilled technicians. It could be used to discover the electronic serial number which identified individual telephones. Once the serial number was set the equipment could pick up calls.

Scanmasters Products, based in Portland, Dorset, is developing equipment that could be used to monitor a particular mobile telephone. The company said yesterday that development had almost finished on its product and that it had been demonstrated to interested groups such as BT, but it was not yet fully operational. There had been no sales and the equipment would have to be used by trained engineers with access to the codes identifying the telephone.

Mr Cornwall said it was also possible, once a serial number had been identified, to programme another telephone with the same number. Each time the original telephone was used, the calls could be monitored on the second set. The system had been used fraudulently to make calls free of charge and changes were introduced so that two telephones operating with the same number would be spotted.

It would also be possible to monitor calls by tapping the lines through the network companies. That would require a warrant from the home secretary of the day.

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Crossed lines: both the Princess of Wales and Camilla Parker Bowles appear to have fallen foul of electronic surveillance

Press to face new law on privacy

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abuses by the press. Compensation would be paid as in libel cases.

There would be a public interest defence that would allow newspapers to claim that disclosures about prominent public figures were justified. Ministers make plain, however, that such a defence would be much more difficult to use in the case of ordinary members of the public.

The new proposals were considered by a special and unheralded meeting of ministers chaired by the prime minister yesterday, and will go to the cabinet today.



Sir David: tribunal will be rejected

The meeting was called to speed publication of the Calcutt report to disentangle it from the furore over the royal family's relations with the press. This continued yesterday with claims — dismissed by Downing Street as nonsensical — that the security services had bugged royal telephone calls, and the publication in Australia of a transcript of an intimate conversation allegedly between Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles.

The cabinet is today expected to reject the Calcutt report's central recommendation for a press complaints tribunal headed by a judge and with powers to levy big fines. Yesterday's two-hour meeting was said to have reached unanimous agreement on that and other elements of the government's approach.

Ministers make plain that the new criminal laws will apply not only to the media but also to private detectives and commercial rivals who use improper eavesdropping techniques.

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, gave an indication of the new laws when he said yesterday: "I do not know anybody who is not in favour of a free press or who is not in favour of a disrespectful press. But there is such a thing as privacy. The only people who appear to be controlled when it comes to telephone tapping are the security services.

"If the people who act as spies on behalf of the country wish to tap a telephone, we have made it clear they have to get my permission. I only give permission on extremely compelling grounds on matters of national security. What they can and cannot do is strictly controlled.

"As far as I can see, private detectives, newspapers, commercial rivals involved in take-over bids, are not involved in any such restraint. I think this is a serious issue."

He declined to discuss the Mrs Parker Bowles revelations, saying merely: "They will feed the debate. I cannot comment on these tapes because I do not know if they are authentic."

The disclosures that the princess, and to a much lesser extent friends of the prince, manipulated the media to give differing versions of their marriage breakdown, have diminished the government appetite for statutory control of the press.

Bob Cameron, managing editor of the magazine *New Idea*, which published the "Camillagate tapes" yesterday said that publication of an intimate telephone conversation, said to be between the Prince of Wales and Mrs Parker Bowles, was a legitimate journalistic exercise.

Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of the News Corporation, whose subsidiary News International publishes *The Sun* and *The Times*, said he had no knowledge of any negotiations to buy the tape last night. News Corporation is a minority (45 per cent) shareholder in Pacific Magazines, owners of *New Idea*.

Mr Murdoch emphasised that any suggestion of "collusion or conspiracy" between companies in which he has interests was "totally without foundation".

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Critics put Cruft's in the doghouse

JONATHAN PLAYER



Paws for thought: Benjamin John Smith with Weimaraner at Cruft's when it was staged at Earls Court. The show has been criticised for losing its excitement

KATE ALDERSON

CRUFT'S dog show, the most prestigious event in the dog world, may have weathered the recession with the number of entrants up on last year, but Dogs Today, the leading dog magazine, said yesterday the show had "lost its excitement" and had slipped into being "just another dog show".

Cruft's returns for its 102nd show today with 20,000 dogs entered, up 54 from last year. More than 60,000 visitors are expected to attend the four-day event, organised by the Kennel Club, which will decide which dog is the supreme champion of Britain. Beverley Cuddy, the editor of Dogs Today, said the magazine would not attend this year: "The event is just getting bigger and bigger and you would have to be a really serious dog enthusiast to spend four days at the show in Birmingham. The venue is not as special as Earls Court, where it used to be held. It's lost its exciting edge."

However, proud owners will display their prized pedigrees in one of 163 classes, delighted that their canine companion is among the top 0.2 per cent of Britain's 7.3 million dogs, which amounts to one dog for every eight humans in Britain.

Every year, owners say that it is not winning that counts, but taking part. However, few would balk at the glory of winning a prize at Cruft's, which is relayed to millions of viewers by BBC Television, and the prestige of becoming a member of the Cruft's "Roll of Honour".

A new event at Cruft's is the auction of pet-friendly number plates on Saturday by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre. Prices start at £1,000 and the proceeds of K9 PUP will go to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

DPP calls for files on Ulster inquest

The Director of Public Prosecutions in Northern Ireland has asked police for a report on evidence given at an inquest into the killing of an IRA man by undercover soldiers. The jury ruled on Tuesday that Seamus McElwaine, 25, had not been given the chance to surrender before being shot.

The IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, wants the four soldiers involved in the shooting in a co. Fermanagh field near the Irish border in April 1986 to be charged with murder. The DPP has already decided against prosecutions. But the inquest findings could open the way for action by McElwaine's relatives.

The family said yesterday that they were "touched and heartened by the courage and honesty of the good people who made up that jury and who delivered their findings despite all efforts of the system to constrain and restrict them". But Sammy Wilson, a prominent member of the Democratic Unionist party, said the jury had handed the IRA a propaganda weapon and asked what warning it had intended to give before it exploded the 800lb bomb found near the scene of the shooting.

Guppy alleges frame-up

Darius Guppy told a court yesterday that he was innocent of a £1.8 million gems fraud and had been framed. The Old Etonian, who denies insurance fraud, claimed that police officers had manipulated witnesses to orchestrate a case against him. In exchanges with James Curtis, for the prosecution, Mr Guppy, 28, best man at Earl Spencer's wedding in 1989, also told Snaresbrook Crown Court that people he had once trusted had persistently lied about him. Alleged to have staged a mock gem robbery in New York in March 1990, he said he really had been held up at gunpoint. Mr Guppy, of Ladbroke Grove, west London, and his co-defendant Benedict Marsh, of Southwark, south London, each deny one charge of conspiracy to defraud, one of conspiracy to steal and two of conspiracy to commit false accounting. The trial continues today.

War bunker to open

The underground bunker beneath the Liverpool office block from which the Battle of the Atlantic was directed is to open on April 3 as a permanent memorial. Dr James Fox, project director, said the bunker, shielded by concrete and tungsten walls and ceiling 3ft thick, was probably the most secure building in the land. It controlled 12 million square miles of ocean and the destruction of the battle ship *Bismarck* was planned there. The bunker's only casualty was a Wren who fainted and fell from a gantry while posting the names of personnel lost in the battle. The name she had just posted was that of her husband.

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School mourns Donna

Classmates of Donna Cooper, the 13-year-old girl who died after being hit by a stolen car, stood in silent tribute at her funeral yesterday. Other groups of children sobbed quietly as the cortege paused briefly outside the gates of Pelsall Community School. Large crowds also gathered in the rain outside Donna's home, where flowers and wreaths surrounded the front door. Donna, one of Jennifer and Robert Cooper's five children, was struck and dragged 100 yards by a car which failed to stop near her home in Rosball, West Midlands, last week.

French choose Rogers

The Richard Rogers Partnership has won an open competition for a £30 million extension to the Bordeaux magistrates court. Commissioned by the French Ministry of Justice, the building will have a large glazed public hall and incorporate a stretch of ancient fortress wall. Sir Richard Rogers, who designed the controversial Lloyd's Building in the City, said that within the hall "seven new courts will be suspended from above like boats with funnels breaking the skyline of the building". His career sprang from the success of the Pompidou Centre in Paris.

Mirror loses libel case



Det Sgt Alan Long, formerly of Northumbria police, won "substantial" libel damages in the High Court yesterday. Paul Foot, right, the *Daily Mirror* columnist, wrongly accused him in 1988 of perjury and inventing confessions of suspected armed robbers. Mirror Group Newspapers, Mr Foot and Richard Stott, former editor of the *Mirror*, agreed to pay damages and legal costs.

Who's who and new

The 1993 edition of *Who's Who*, the bible for social climbers, journalists and establishment debutantes, is published today and contains 1,000 new entries among its 29,000 array of the great and good. Those who have made it into the awesome red volume for the first time include actresses Joan Collins and Emma Thompson, Will Carling, captain of the England rugby team, Stella Rimmington, director general of the security service, Darcey Bussell, the ballerina

King's village found

Archaeologists believe they have found King Alfred the Great's lost village. Legend has it that the Saxon king owned an estate in Wedmore, Somerset, where he is said to have forced invading Danes to sign a treaty dividing England in two in 878 and making him King of Wessex. An excavation of an orchard in the grounds of a 15th century house has unearthed new evidence, including pottery and parts of timber homes up to 1,000 years old. Locals hope that the finds will halt plans to build houses on what is the village's last open space.

£800,000 Oxfam gift

A widow has left Oxfam its largest donation of at least £800,000. The bequest from Agnes Spink of East Budleigh, Devon, outstrips the £650,000 gift last month from the New York-based financier George Soros. Mrs Spink, a long-time supporter of Oxfam, died in August and left most of her estate to the charity. An Oxfam spokesman said the bequest comprised stocks and shares and could be worth £1 million. It will go into a trust fund and Oxfam will be able to use the revenue.

Crossword deadlines

The qualifier puzzle for *The Times* Crossword Championship will be published on April 15. Competitors must solve it correctly to enter. The eliminator puzzle will appear on May 20. Regional finals are: Glasgow, May 16; Leeds, June 13; Bristol, June 27; London, July 10-11; Birmingham, August 1; national final, September 12. Full details will be published on April 15.

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Woman listed lover's series of bombings, court told

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE 60-year-old lover of an alleged IRA terrorist implicated him in more than a dozen bombings in interviews with detectives after their arrest at the end of a 10-month terror campaign in London, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

A set of fingerprints also implicated James Canning, 37, in an attempted bomb attack on the regimental band of the Blues and Royals at a packed theatre in 1991. The bomb Mr Canning was allegedly involved in making contained 12.5 kilograms of Semtex high explosive, but it failed to go off because of a faulty micro-switch.

The allegations against Mr Canning, an unemployed building worker, were made on the third day of his trial with co-defendant Ethel Lamb. He is accused of causing an explosion on April 6 in Bridle Lane, Soho, west London, and carrying a loaded Smith & Wesson revolver.

He and Mrs Lamb are jointly charged with conspiring to cause explosions likely to endanger life, and possessing Semtex and six AKM-47 Kalashnikov assault rifles. Mrs Lamb is also accused of making money and property available to her lover knowing it could be used for acts of terrorism. Both defendants deny all the charges.

John Bevan, for the prosecution, said that finger and palm prints belonging to Mr Canning were found in a hold-all containing the bomb intended for the Blues and Royals.

The court was told that Mr Canning, a Roman Catholic with a wife and five children in Armagh, and Mrs Lamb, a Protestant from Newcastle upon Tyne 23 years his senior, shared her bungalow in Northolt, west London, for 12 months. A huge arsenal of weapons and explosives was kept there before Mr Canning decided to move it out to two lock-up garages after a row.

When they were arrested after a lengthy police surveillance a week after the Soho bombing, Mrs Lamb allegedly made several statements to police. The court was told she named Mr Canning as allegedly taking part in a series of bombings with two other men, known as Gerry and Martin.

She was also said to have claimed that Mr Canning kept £1,000 to pay for digs for other IRA terrorists coming to London. Mrs Lamb allegedly said her lover supplied firebombs for attacks on four stores at the Brent Cross shopping centre, north London, on December 14, 1991.

Subsequently, she allegedly said, he supplied bombs for an attack on the National Gallery on December 15 that year, possibly one for a bomb attack on Clapham Junction railway station the following day, and bombs for attacks on two trains in the Ilford area of Essex.

He may have planted a bomb on January 10, 1992, in Whitehall Place, close to Downing Street, and supplied a bomb that was defused in a telephone kiosk in Parliament Street, Whitehall. He next allegedly supplied bombs for an attack on February 28, 1992, at London Bridge railway station, one outside the Crown Prosecution Service headquarters in Furnival Street the following day, and one on March 10 on a railway line near Wandsworth Common.

The trial continues today.

CHRIS HARRIS



Back to the future: patches of blue are visible again in the seas off Shetland

Shetlanders wake up to the 'miracle' of oil-free beaches

BY RAY CLANCY

THE wild wind has died away, the stormy seas have grown calm, and for the first time in nine days Shetland islanders are smiling again. A community that feared it would lose its livelihood and loveliness has learnt to breathe again. The acrid taste of oil from the broken tanker *Braer* has gone from the air and it is possible to walk again on clean beaches.

Miraculously, the storms of the past week seem to have broken up most of the 84,500 tons of light crude that gushed from the tanker. Driving along the twisting road from Lerwick south towards Quendale bay yesterday, the most badly polluted part of the islands, I stopped my car in amazement. Instead of coffee-brown waves that crashed ashore from an oil-dark sea a few days ago, white-tipped breakers foamed over an azure sea.

I got out and walked along a clean, sandy clean beach which showed no trace of oil. The air smelt sweet and clear, and I knew that for the first time since arriving here I would not have to try to wash the stinking film of oil out of my hair back at the hotel.

It was clear that the environmental disaster that had been predicted and much written about simply had not happened. The experts who rushed to judgment and claimed that the beauty of Shetland had been lost to the next generation of islanders had been proved wrong.

Local people were also amazed by the overnight change. As they drove to work they were able to look out on a blue sea that had been murky brown the day before.

"I was surprised that there has been such a visible change. Perhaps it was all hyped up and now it looks as if the worst is over," said Michael Brown.

Even David Bedborough, of the Department of Transport's marine pollution control unit, who has been carefully studying the effects of the oil, said he found it hard to believe that almost all the oil had now dispersed. It was very difficult to explain to people why, he added, but he welcomed the fact.

Shetland council's convener, Edward Tomoson, said: "It is a heartening sight and perhaps now we can look forward instead of looking back."

☐ A task force of convicts is being assembled to help with the ongoing clean-up operation in the Shetland isles. Governors at two prisons in Lancashire have approved a plan to ferry prisoners to the islands as extra labour. If it is successful, other prisons throughout the country may follow the lead.

☐ Winds of up to 90mph hit the south of England yesterday, bringing disruption to road and rail networks. Police warned drivers to stay at home after lorries, trees, roadsigns and lamposts were blown over, blocking many routes.

Weathermen said the gales were sweeping across the south from Devon and Cornwall to East Anglia. Drivers of high-sided vehicles were advised to pull off motorways as quickly as possible until conditions improved. Lighter winds are expected today.

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Coventry to test electric cars

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

MOTORISTS in Coventry's city centre may be travelling in electric cars in three years in a multi-million-pound experiment backed by the European Community. Coventry is one of four European cities where electric cars will be tested as self-drive taxis for shoppers and commuters.

In the trial, shoppers and commuters would leave their petrol-engined cars at the city outskirts and swap to an electrically powered hatchback for the journey to the centre, where they would pay by "smart card" — similar to a telephone pay card — and leave the car at a kerbside plug point to be recharged.

Coventry city officials will apply for their share of European grants worth up to £5 million next week in Brussels. The scheme is one of the most ambitious attempts by a local authority to overcome the rapidly growing problem of inner-city pollution from car exhausts.

Peugeot, which announced yesterday that it was to build a new model, the 306, at its Ryton plant at Coventry, will provide the cars for similar experiments in Milan, Barcelona and Tours. It could provide as many as 200 electric cars for Coventry.

Trials on electric vehicles based on Peugeot's 106 and 205 models have started in France. They will have a top speed of 60mph and a range of up to 100 miles on a full eight-hour charge.

Welshmen in letter bomb trial

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A JUDGE has rejected pleas to hold in secret part of a trial of three men charged with conspiracy to cause explosions.

Mr Justice Pill made the ruling yesterday at Caernarfon Crown Court in Gwynedd, after hearing the prosecution application in camera on Tuesday.

Sion Aubrey Roberts, 21, of Llangefni, and David Gareth Davies, 34, of Gwalchmai, both Anglesey, face charges of sending explosive devices likely to endanger life or cause harm to four people. Sir Wyn Roberts, a Welsh Office Minister, Elwyn Jones, the North Wales Tory agent, Detective Chief Superintendent Gwyn Williams, head of North Wales CID, and Detective Inspector Maldwyn Roberts, the man heading the special arson squad investigating the Sons of Glendower Welsh nationalist group.

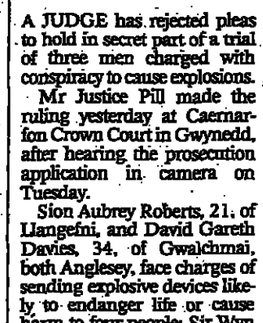
Mr Roberts, a machine operator, and Mr Davies, unemployed, are also accused of conspiring to cause explosions and Mr Roberts faces a further charge of conspiring with a third man, Dewi Prysor Williams, 25, of Trawsfynydd, Gwynedd, to cause explosions.

Mr Roberts is also accused of possessing or having under his control explosive substances with intent to cause serious damage to property or endanger life.

The trial is expected to last up to five weeks. Proceedings are being conducted in English, simultaneously translated into Welsh.

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Survivors of Hillsborough disaster suffer in silence

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

■ Nearly four years after the football stadium tragedy, many of those who lived through it still feel guilty that they were not among the 95 who died

VICTIMS of the Hillsborough disaster have been deterred from seeking counselling through a combination of shock, the fear of appearing weak and the feeling that others were more deserving of help.

Some survivors were so numbed they rejected help, while others had such a poor opinion of social workers that they thought they would be stigmatised by becoming involved with them. Yet most of those who did accept help were glad they had done so.

A study of the aftermath of the Hillsborough disaster in 1989, in which 95 people died and 400 needed hospital treatment, has shown both the value of counselling and the reluctance of many victims to seek it. "It was guilt that I felt ... because it should be you and not someone else. Because you're so close to it and that you're thinking you should be with them, but you are not, you're still alive," said a male survivor.

Dr Tim Newburn, of the National Institute for Social Work, who carried out the study, concluded that the effects of the disaster on survivors, their families and even the social workers who counselled them, may be severe and long-term.

Many survivors said they had become preoccupied by the disaster and were drawn to any newspaper, television or radio account nearly four years later. Some were emotionally paralysed, unable to do anything other than cry. Others felt a sense of guilt, either because they felt they had not done enough to help others, or that in saving themselves they had reduced other people's chance of survival. Feelings of numbness, the inability to cope and difficulties in relating to partners and families were also common.

Despite the problems, more than a third of the male survivors questioned said they had not sought help. Among women, only 16 per cent had not been counselled. For men, the obstacle was their self-image: "I've never admitted weakness ... I've always got on with the job and I've always looked at myself as a strong person," one said.

Social workers themselves shunned offers of support provided by their employers: "What's going to go down on paper?" one of them said. "Needing support was taken to mean indication of professional failure or personal inadequacy," Dr Newburn said.

There was also ignorance among survivors and the bereaved about the nature of counselling. "I hadn't the foggiest and I thought it was just people trying to tell me I should pull myself together," one woman said.

Dr Newburn found that support needed to be long-term to be useful. "Hillsborough was not an isolated event for those affected. It was followed by an official enquiry, inquests and a series of legal cases which were vivid reminders of the tragedy and, in many cases, added to people's suffering."

Often, the offer of practical help to the victims was the most effective way of gaining their confidence. That part of the work was usually given little importance in analyses of social work, Dr Newburn said, but it was among the most important aspects. Not only is practical help important, but it creates the trust needed to begin counselling.

Among the more controversial techniques used by the Hillsborough social workers was exposing the victims to video and photographic material, to take them through the disaster. "Watching the video material, though frequently harrowing and extremely distressing, was almost universally agreed to have been a positive thing," Dr Newburn concluded.

☐ *Making a Difference? Social Work after Hillsborough*. (National Institute for Social Work, 5 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SS; £7.50)



Aftermath of disaster: many male survivors have rejected offers of counselling

Gay groups want lovers to inherit council flats

By Rachel Kelly
Local Government Correspondent

PLANS to allow homosexual lovers of council tenants to continue renting their council home when their partner dies have the cross-party support of more than 60 councils and the main Aids charities.

The Opposition amendment to the housing bill, to be discussed shortly, would bring homosexuals into line with spouses, common-law partners and family members who already have the right to inherit the tenancy to council property under the 1985 Housing Act. A survey of 131 local authorities by the gay pressure group Stonewall found that 48 per cent of councils which responded supported the proposed amendment, and a further 32 per cent would not oppose it.

Under existing law, the successor to the tenancy must have been living in the property as their main home. Cohabitants and family members must have lived with the tenant throughout the 12 months which ended in the tenant's death. But same-sex couples are excluded. The amendment would extend this right of succession to gay and lesbian couples.

Angela Mason, of Stonewall, said: "The government has made clear it has some sympathy for the amendment."

Councils, however, stress the problem of deciding whether a homosexual relationship is genuine. Matthew Warburton, housing under secretary at the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said: "It may prove difficult to define a gay and lesbian relationship. Any test of whether a partnership is genuine is a bit of a blunt instrument, and there will always be some cases which fall down. But the problems are not insuperable."

Stephen Campbell, social policy spokesman for the Conservative-controlled Association of County Councils, said the amendment was right in principle and was in keeping with the latest professional practice on adoption law, which allows single people and homosexual couples to be considered as candidates.

The amendment will be debated in Standing Committee in the next few weeks. Glenda Jackson and John Battle, the shadow housing minister, are expected to speak in favour. The amendment is also supported by gay and lesbian pressure groups, Britain's Aids organisations, and some local authorities.

Ms Mason said: "Partners in same-sex relationships should not face eviction if their partner dies. The emotional trauma of bereavement should not be compounded by the threat of homelessness." She described the amendment as humane, and one that recognised the basic civil rights of lesbian and gay partners.

Some local authorities already allow lesbians and gay men to inherit their partner's tenancy.

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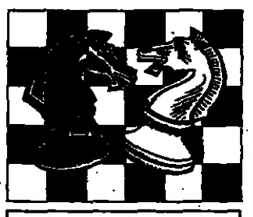
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GARY Kasparov, world chess champion and the highest rated player in history, faces one of the biggest challenges of his career when he takes on 100 players simultaneously in a charity chess challenge on February 17 sponsored by *The Times* and Simpson's-in-the-Strand (Tim Jones writes).

The champion will begin the *Kasparov Charity Chess Challenge*, which aims to raise money for The Sick Children's Trust, by playing celebrities likely to include Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, the Marquess of Bath, the lyricist Tim Rice and Luke McShane, rising star of British chess.

The champion's skill and stamina will be tested to the full when he faces 25 teams of four players, each team pledged to donate £1,000. There are also tickets available to watch or to engage visiting celebrities in a game.

Kasparov said: "My schedule does not permit me to do as much as I would like for charity but for children's charities I try to make an exception. I hope the evening will be fun." Anyone wishing to compete or watch should contact Hilary Gilmore at The Sick Children's Trust, 10 Guilford Street, London WC1, or fax on 071-831 3182.



THE KASPAROV CHARITY CHESS CHALLENGE

Dinosaurs devour cartoon heroes

By Alison Roberts, Arts Reporter

DINOMANIA, which is the most recent children's craze and draws on the widespread fascination for dinosaurs, is entering popular culture in an appropriately huge way.

Jurassic Park, Steven Spielberg's film about the creatures and his most expensive venture yet, is to be shown in Britain in the summer. A new children's magazine, *The World of Dinosaurs*, is launched on Friday and staff at the Natural History Museum have been amazed by the flood of visitors to its Dinosaurs exhibition, which opened last year.

Dinosaurs are attracting the attention of children who have become bored with cartoon characters such as Ninja Turtles, according to the museum. Three-hour queues for the exhibition were reported, with lines of people stretching around the building.

As new discoveries about dinosaurs' social behaviour and their physical build are made, the attraction becomes greater, a museum spokesman said. Recent finds in the Isle of Wight have fuelled the craze and the Spielberg film threatens to bring dinomania to a peak.

The film revolves around the notion that dinosaurs can be brought to life from fragments of DNA. Although this is fiction, the Natural History Museum says that scientists are actually working on the theory.

James Buchanan, managing director of Aim publications and publisher of the new magazine, said that the deep-rooted attraction to dinosaurs came from a respect for their fierceness. "Children are not frightened by them because they are not about to come through the bedroom window, but they appreciate the terrible size and appearance," he said.



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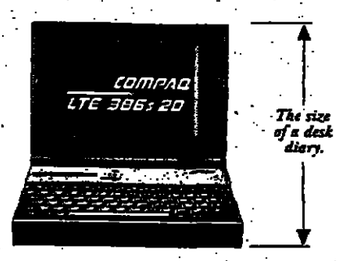
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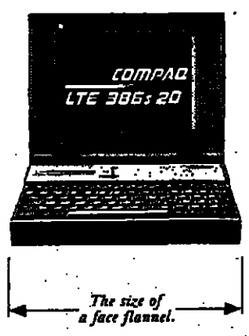
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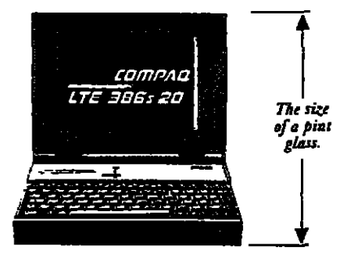
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Some £3 billion of the deficit is made up of purchases of meat, dairy products, fruit and vegetables from five north European countries.

Fuel bill

As demand for coal falls and many pits face closure, Harry Barnes (Derbyshire NE, Lab) introduced a bill to limit imports of fuel, saying the energy market had been "fixed" in Britain to favour the nuclear industry and gas-fired power stations.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; prime minister. European Communities (amendment) bill, committee, fourth day.

Euro-sceptics win first battle over Maastricht ballot

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

MPs opposed to the Maastricht treaty were last night celebrating an important tactical victory after learning that a clause demanding a referendum on the treaty has been selected for debate in the Commons.

The referendum clause will be debated after the completion of detailed scrutiny of the Maastricht bill, which is expected to continue until April. It was included in a schedule published yesterday of the dozens of amendments and clauses that have been chosen for debate by the deputy Speaker out of the hundreds tabled by MPs.

Bill Cash, the Tory MP for Stafford and a leading campaigner for a referendum, welcomed the decision to allow a debate on a referendum, which he said was "demanded by 75 per cent of the British people". The referendum clause is almost certain to be defeated as Labour is opposed to a poll.

The Euro-sceptics were only narrowly defeated in a Commons vote on the treaty in November but believe they have the support of the majority of the British people. Referendums on the Maastricht treaty have already been held in Denmark, France and Ireland, but a poll has been ruled out for Britain by the government.

Mr Cash said the selection of the referendum clause meant that the Euro-sceptic camp in the Commons now had "a timetable and a target for a public campaign" for a referendum. The campaign begins on Sunday with a rally in London.

The referendum clause suggests a ballot paper asking the question, "Do you want the provisions of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993 to be put into effect?" The selection of the clause will increase the government's headaches over the passage of the bill as it means an opportunity to embarrass the government will be available right up to the end of the process of consideration of the bill.

It will also intensify the pressure on John Smith, the Labour leader, who opposes a referendum, from those members of the shadow cabinet and Labour back benches who favour one. Last night Mr Smith's office said his position remained unchanged by the selection of the clause.

Line-by-line scrutiny of the bill recommenced in the Commons yesterday but immediately became bogged down in a succession of points of order primarily concerned with the legal implications for the bill of the concessions granted to Denmark at the Edinburgh summit in December.

Denzil Davies, the Labour member for Llanelli, asked Michael Morris, the deputy Speaker, who presides over the Maastricht bill debates, to rule on whether the Danish decision "falls within the confines of the bill or without". Mr Morris said that while it did not fall within the scope of the bill this did not mean that "allusions" could not be made to it by MPs.

Yesterday Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, set April 27 as a possible date for another vote on Maastricht after Denmark narrowly rejected the treaty in a referendum last summer. John Major has said the bill's third reading will not take place until after a second Danish referendum.

After a half-hour delay for points of order yesterday, Mr Cash rose to open the debate on an amendment to leave out Title 2 of the treaty, which outlines the steps to European union. Mr Cash said Title 2 involved a move from the idea of an economic community to political union with European political parties "operating within the context of a politically integrated union".



Labour's party: John Smith, in Bradford, West Yorkshire, for the launch of the Independent Labour Party centenary celebrations, examines a model of the city hall. Mr Smith denied accusations that the modern party had abandoned its early principles. He said it was mounting vigorous opposition to the government and concentrating on policies which were at the heart of the early labour movement.

Credibility gaps handicap Tories

The government's fate will be determined not by what happens in Iraq or in Bosnia. The decisive factor, as always, will be the economy. And the government is at present severely handicapped by the political weakness of the two key economic ministers, Norman Lamont and Michael Heseltine. The difficulties of Mr Lamont are familiar and long-standing; those of Mr Heseltine more unexpected, dating from the fiasco over pit closures in mid-October.

Mr Lamont's predicament highlights the contrast between actions and reputation. He was resilient in recovering from the debacle of September 16, robustly defending the modified government policy in the Commons. His skillful Autumn Statement satisfied most Tory MPs, at least in the short-term.

But the Chancellor's public reputation has not recovered, and headlines over his private affairs have not helped. He may not have done anything wrong over the payment of some of his legal fees by the Treasury but, as yesterday's discussions by the members' interests committee and the public accounts committee indicated, the affair has left the impression, at best, of a senior minister stretching the rules.

More important has been Mr Lamont's low rating in opinion polls and in surveys of leading businessmen and of financial markets. It is not so much what he has said and done, but rather that his general credibility in creating a post-ERM strategy remains low. Like the manager of a soccer club facing relegation, he looks trapped.

Yesterday's thorough and balanced report from the Treasury committee, the first under its new chairman, John Watts, showed that the Chancellor's troubles are far from over. The Autumn Statement was largely a holding operation. The report bluntly warns that taxes may have to be raised and public spending squeezed further. "The government is walking along a fiscal tightrope. Without robust economic growth, it will be doing so while staring down an abyss of ever-increasing fiscal deficits."

Mr Heseltine's difficulties are different. Unlike the Chancellor's determination to survive, the President of the Board of Trade's political will is for once in doubt. His previously sure touch has deserted him since the pits climbdown, which so touched political nerves in Tory England. Ministers still wonder how he could have supported the original closure plan and how he has largely escaped blame.

Ministers accept, with a resigned inevitability, that the October plan to close 31 pits will have to be amended, not least so as to take such a damaging issue off the political agenda. At stake is the extent of the retreat. Several ministers were appalled at stories over the weekend that a long-term coal subsidy might be introduced. They argue that, unless the review shows that the original case for closure was wrong, the government should just alter the phasing of the programme via temporary concessions. Any longer-term subsidy would be contrary to the post-1979 approach to industry, especially when other businesses, such as defence suppliers, are losing far more workers.

Mr Heseltine has also faced criticism from Tory MPs for failing to take a lead over the government's new closer involvement with manufacturing industry. That is partly a matter of timing. A review of official regulations on business is still under way. But MPs are puzzled by what they see as Mr Heseltine's apparently low key, almost detached, approach. It is almost as if, having sought for so long to head the Department of Trade and Industry, the prize has come too late in his career. But Mr Heseltine has been written off many times before.

Restoring the political authority of both the Chancellor and the President of the Board of trade remains critical to the government's recovery.

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Labour bows to health reforms

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR yesterday signalled its intention of coming to terms with some of the government's market-based reforms of the health service.

David Blunkett, the shadow health secretary, said that the party would not be going back to rigid planning and that it should not have any "hang-ups" about the market.

However, Mr Blunkett made it clear that GP fundholding, under which family doctors are given a budget to buy hospital care on behalf of their patients, would be scrapped by a future Labour government. He regarded the scheme, which has adopted by many GPs, as "unworkable".

On self-governing status for National Health Service hospitals, Mr Blunkett indicated a greater willingness on the part of Labour to accept some of the thinking behind the NHS reforms. With most hospitals and big units on course for trust status before the next election, Mr Blunkett said it would not be possible for him to turn back the clock, even if he wanted to.

Speaking to reporters at Westminster before addressing backbench Labour MPs, he said that he wanted the trusts "integrated into some coherent health service" rather than abolished. "Trying to reverse things back to 89 or 79 is simply a non-starter," he said.

The trusts would have to be restyled to stop units competing against each other in an "irrational market" until the losers were destroyed.

However, these new units would have to reflect the fact that "we are not going back to people having to receive permission for the most minor expenditure of money, expansion of service, or development of services and facilities", Mr Blunkett said.

Labour would put primary health care, prevention and health promotion at the top of its agenda for "a health service rather than an ill-health service".

MPs call for MI5 answers on royal family surveillance

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs want to question security officials over allegations that they bugged members of the royal family in the "Camillagate" saga. The home affairs committee, which yesterday published a report demanding parliamentary scrutiny of MI5, said that whether or not MI5 kept the royal family under surveillance was a policy issue which it should be allowed to examine and comment on.

Allegations of MI5 involvement in taping a telephone conversation between the Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker-Bowles strengthened the MPs' resolve to press for some form of monitoring by Parliament of the security service's policies. The MPs on the committee are also anxious to question MI5 on its intelligence-gathering policies on IRA terrorism, drugs and serious crime.

The committee, chaired by Sir Ivan Lawrence, unanimously agreed that in the post-Cold War era, with the prime minister's commitment to more open government, including the announcement of the name of MI5's director-general, the time had come to make the security service accountable to Parliament. It argued for the right of MPs to scrutinise the policies, administration and spending of MI5 while steering clear of operational activities.

The report rejected the case put by Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, that any form of parliamentary scrutiny of MI5 would put operatives at risk. Mr Clarke refused to allow Stella Rimington, MI5's director-general, to give evidence to the committee, but said that six members could have an informal lunch with her next Monday. The committee said the lunch was no substitute for a proper scrutiny of the service.

The MPs argue that the government will spend £185 million this year on intelligence services, 8.2 per cent above the original estimate, which will escape parliamentary scrutiny.



Sir Ivan: security policy should be scrutinised

John Major is understood to be considering a special select committee made up of privy counsellors, the most senior MPs, to monitor MI5. He has already put MI5 on a statutory basis and is committed to introducing a further bill to put MI6 and the intelligence communications centre GCHQ on a statutory basis.

The home affairs committee rejected the idea of a special committee of only privy councillors as "a trifle patronising" to the bulk of MPs.

Sir Ivan told a press conference there was a clear line between policy and operation and a department of the security service that separates the two. "If a particular person being targeted is the subject of surveillance, that is a matter of operations, but how MI5 balances priorities between Arab terrorists or the IRA or drugs or international crime is a matter of policy."

House of Commons home affairs committee first report: Accountability of the security service (Stationery Office £10)

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Lottery will cut charity income

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

SOME charities will lose income as a result of the national lottery, due to begin next year, Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, conceded yesterday. He insisted, however, that evidence from Ireland and other countries running lotteries showed that charities generally would be better off once a lottery was set up.

The week before the national lottery bill has its Commons second reading, Mr Brooke faced pressure from the Commons national heritage select committee to set up government monitoring to prevent long-term loss of income by charities.

He offered MPs only the prospect of close examination of charities' own monitoring of their revenues, emphasising that Parliament would retain the power to make changes if charities were suffering.

He also fought off allegations that there would be inadequate control of the £1.5 billion expected to be raised each year by the lottery. Gerald Kaufman, the committee chairman, demanded legislation to ensure that all the estimated £350 million of lottery money predicted to be available for arts, sports, charities and the national heritage would be additional to existing spending.

Mr Brooke said that, although there was a clear intention to ensure that all lottery money was additional funding, "it would be difficult to enshrine this in legislation".

The national heritage secretary, watched by a large lobby of football pools company representatives, was accused of failing to allow pools operators to compete equally. MPs called for pools companies to be given concessions on advertising, taxation, access to retail outlets and the rules on paying out prizes.

Mr Brooke said there was a distinction between the luck of a lottery and the gambling element of pools. "If pools were allowed to advertise, we would receive pressure that all gambling should be able to advertise, changing the whole climate of gambling."

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EC law blocks fourth deportation

Defiant Triad victim fears for his life

By Julia Llewellyn Smith

■ MPs are calling for the deportation of the boss of a Triad gang in Manchester after television viewers watched gang members beat up a video shop owner

A FORMER detective from Hong Kong is hiding in fear of his life after a television programme revealed his part in an operation to expose a Manchester Triad gang.

Joe Tan was featured in Central Television's *The Cook Report*, which claimed that 95 per cent of Manchester's Chinese community pays protection money to the Triads. The programme led to three arrests and to questions to Kenneth Clarke, home secretary, and Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission.

Hidden cameras filmed members of the Wo Sing Wo Triad attacking Mr Tan after he opened a video shop in Chinatown, Manchester, without asking their permission. The Wo Sing Wo is believed to be the largest Triad in Britain.

Later, Mr Tan broke bones in both feet when he jumped down two flights of stairs in a Chinese restaurant to escape from the gang. He spent a month in hospital and is now at a secret location and confined to a wheelchair. Yesterday, he said he was willing to go through his ordeal again to help Chinese people in Britain.

"This sort of Triad activity is going on all over the world. The problem for the police is that Chinese communities are frightened and keep all their troubles to themselves. If they don't help themselves, nobody else will and I want to show them how. "I'm not frightened or scared that they'll kill me. But I feel vulnerable because I can't walk."

The programme named Georgie Pi as the boss of the Wo Sing Wo, which is behind nationwide protection rackets. Pi, 47, whose real name is Yau Chau-chee, has been deported from Britain three times but on Tuesday the European Court of Justice upheld his appeal against a fourth deportation order because his wife has business interests in Spain. The introduction of the European Single Market on January 1 removed the barriers to freedom of movement across the EC.

Robert Litherland, the MP for Manchester Central which includes Chinatown, said he had written to Mr Clarke asking for Pi to be deported. "The Chinese community tell me of the terrorising that goes on. Pi has got a fearsome reputation, he is involved in everything from protection rackets to prostitution."

His meetings with members of the city's Chinese community had been at secret locations outside the city. "They are very secretive and very scared about what is going on," he said.

Gary Tilley, Greater Manchester West's Euro MP, has tabled questions asking M Delors how Pi could be allowed to remain. "The single market was never designed to allow gangsters a safe refuge in the EC," he said.

Since the screening of the programme on Tuesday night, police have arrested two people and are seeking more. Det Con Roy Tildsley, who appeared on the programme, said: "There is a major problem with the Triads. From what I have been told by the members of the community, it has been getting worse."

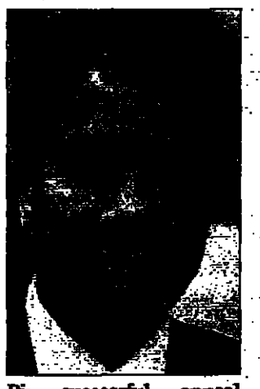
Det Supt Ray Pierce, of the Anti-Triad Squad in Hong Kong, said Pi had convictions in the colony for offences including affray, carrying an offensive weapon and wounding. In 1976, he was convicted of blackmail in Britain and deported.

Triad membership in Britain is believed to be relatively small with most estimates suggesting about 500 active members compared with an estimated 80,000 in Hong Kong. But their intimidation of the Chinese community in Britain, with bloody retributions and enforcement of control, is considerable. Wo Sing Wo is thought to be the biggest British organisation and is largely based in Manchester and the North West.

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Crippled: Joe Tan, who was hurt fleeing from gangsters. He says he feels vulnerable because he cannot walk



Pi: successful appeal against fourth deportation



Tildsley: major problem which is getting worse

Clore gift rescues art gallery

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

DULWICH Picture Gallery in south London, Britain's oldest public gallery, has been saved from possible closure.

The Clore Foundation, founded by Charles Clore in 1964 and run by his daughter Vivien Duffield, has rescued the gallery from its financial difficulties. A donation of £200,000, announced yesterday, will allow the important collection of Old Masters to remain on show to the public.

Kate Knowles, a spokeswoman for the Dulwich Gallery, said that the money would keep the gallery going for a year, buying it time to establish its funding basis for 1994 and beyond. The donation will also secure several educational projects.

Earlier this month, it seemed that the collection of Old Masters might go into storage and be hidden from public view. The gallery had reached a crossroads, expecting only £350,000 income when £550,000 was needed.

With very little public funding, it relied on Alleyn's College of God's Gift, a charitable body attached to Dulwich College and Alleyn's School. But its contribution was no longer enough.

The arts world said that storage of the pictures, or distribution to other galleries, would be outrageous. Many said the works could not be separated from their home, designed by Sir John Soane.

Judge frees mother who killed partner

By A Staff Reporter

A WOMAN who killed her partner after he subjected her to ten years of torture was given probation yesterday.

Sandra Fleming, 26, admitted at Liverpool Crown Court killing Christopher Porter with his own gun at their home in April last year. The mother-of-three denied murder on the ground of diminished responsibility, but pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

She had suffered a decade of torture at the hands of Porter, who mutilated her, sexually abused her and threatened to kill her. Judge Wickham put her on probation for three years after hearing evidence in what he described as a "wholly exceptional" case. But he said: "No woman should get the idea that if she has been ill-treated by her partner she has the right to shoot him."

He said of the night that Fleming shot Porter: "It was a terrible thing to do but the doctors say you were suffering from an 'abnormality of mind'." Fleming was committing herself to a "life of horror" at the age of 15 when she met Porter, the judge added.

David Harris QC, for the defence, told how Fleming had been sexually assaulted, humiliated and tortured by Porter during their relationship. She had had a tattoo so her body could be recognised if she was killed and cut up as Porter had threatened. He removed the tattoo with a heated knife.

Mr Harris also told the court how Porter, a drug dealer and loan shark, had a pathological fear of doctors examining Fleming. That led Porter to deliver their second child at home without medical help by cutting Fleming with a razor and putting surgical spirit on her wounds.

Fleming had taken a cocktail of drugs and alcohol to dull the pain of a particularly gruesome ordeal at Porter's hands. When he was asleep, she fetched a gun Porter had hidden underneath floorboards in their children's bedroom and shot him at their home in Bootle, Merseyside.

Porter also subjected the children — two girls aged eight and two and a nine-year-old boy — to brutality.

☐ A pregnant wife who battered her sadistic husband and buried him beneath a garden patio has lodged an appeal against a two and half year jail sentence imposed by a judge at Stafford on Tuesday. Jill Stubbs, 32, had denied the murder of Michael Devaughn, 40, but admitted his manslaughter.

The way it isn't



FOR the past few weeks I have been dipping into Graham Greene's enjoyable anthology of his own dreams, *A World of My Own*. It is a very funny book, giving very brief, deadpan accounts of his bizarre meetings with famous writers and politicians in "a world which is purely one's own".

In one dream, for instance, he passes "an agreeable evening" in a pub with Edward Heath, who introduces himself — rather quaintly, I thought — "I am the Right Honourable Edward Heath". Heath then offers Greene the ambassadorship to Scotland, which Greene reluctantly accepts when he hears that nobody else will take it. As a mark of friendship, the two go swimming.

Last Saturday night, asleep after watching Greene on a television documentary, I found myself meeting him at a house party at which Lord St John of Fawsley was a guest. Throughout the weekend, he was very much as I had imagined him to be: courteous, observant and with a dry, conspiratorial humour.

Only towards the end of our stay did I notice anything unexpected. Looking down at his shoes, I noticed that they were decorated all over with bright red and yellow stripes, had upturned toes, like those of jesters, and were rounded off with 6in platform heels.

"I hadn't noticed your shoes before," I exclaimed. I could tell from his look that he was disappointed in me. "But I was wearing them in the pub yesterday, and everyone else commented on them," he replied. I felt I had failed a vital test of observation, and I knew then that I would never be included among his closest friends.

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Somali 'deerhunters' kill marine and wound medic

FROM ALISTAIR LYON IN MOGADISHU

■ Mogadishu gunmen have shot dead an American serviceman, their first such killing. As the peace talks falter in Addis Ababa, pressure is growing to disarm the militias

A SOMALI gunman shot and wounded a US naval medic yesterday, hours after ambushers, lying in wait like deerhunters, shot dead an American marine.

US troops went on high alert after the marine was killed in an ambush of a night patrol near Mogadishu airport on Tuesday. He was the first foreign soldier to be shot dead since the start of the American-led Operation Restore Hope on December 9. Captain Joe Davis, an American forces spokesman, said that the gunmen had been lying silently in wait "like deerhunters". He added: "Everybody is being very careful in view of what happened, but you have to understand that Mogadishu is very volatile."

Hours later, a Somali gunman fired three shots at a midday marine patrol about 800 yards south of an old football stadium in north Mogadishu. One bullet hit a member of the US Navy Hospital Corps in the left shoulder, a military statement said. The marines fired back, but the statement did not say if they had hit the unidentified gunman.

Prospects for restoring stability in Somalia after two years of gun law plummeted when warlords ended nine days of talks in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, without agreement on a United Nations-brokered peace plan.

Eleven factions aligned with Ali Mahdi Muhammad said they would attend a national reconciliation conference on March 15 to establish Somalia's first government since rebels toppled President Mohamed Siad Barre in January 1991. But General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, his main rival, refused to join them unless he and his allies received special status in recognition of their military might and role in ousting Mr Siad Barre.

The breakdown increased pressure on the American-led force to disarm the militias, whose clan feuding killed 30,000 people in Mogadishu after the dictator's overthrow. Washington has insisted that its troops are not in Somalia to act as a police force but to stop gunmen preying on relief efforts to save more than a million people at risk of starvation. Since the weekend US forces have stepped up raids on gun markets and arms caches in Mogadishu and have been seizing guns at roadblocks, but say they will not disarm all of Somalia.

Capt Davis, giving details of Tuesday's ambush, said: "At about 10 o'clock, we had an 11-man marine patrol ambushed about 700 yards northwest of the airport gate. One marine was killed by an unknown number of gunmen.

"After the initial firefight, they [the marines] went back to a rally point, did a head count real fast, and discovered that one person was missing. They went back in along with some amphibious assault vehicles. More fire ensued. The bad guys retreated and they were able to recover the body."

Capt Davis said the Pentagon would name the dead soldier, from the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, based at Camp Pendleton, California, after informing relatives. He said the foot patrol had set off from the airport, used by many task force units and foreign relief agencies.

"We are trying to help these people. I don't know why they are trying to shoot at us," said a marine from the same battalion who was patrolling the battlefront in Mogadishu yesterday. "I don't want to shoot anyone. I just want to do what I'm told to do and hope the people get fed. I didn't come here to hurt anybody."

At least 11 Somalis have been killed by foreign troops, who are permitted to shoot to kill if they believe their lives are in danger. More than 22,500 American military personnel, including those on board ships off the Somali coast, are involved in the aid mission. *(Reuter)*



Ready to fight: Woody Allen talking to reporters after seeing a judge about access to his children

Allen and Farrow await final scene

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

WOODY Allen was leaving a New York court earlier this week, after the latest round in his child-custody battle with his former lover, the actress Mia Farrow, when a reporter asked him how he felt about the prospect of having to testify against her. "I can't wait," he replied.

For once the writer-director's response was not an example of his black humour, but the straight truth: the Allen-Farrow battle has reached such a remarkable level of mutual contempt that the leading man and woman seem genuinely eager for the final scene.

The dispute between them is technically over custody of their three children, and whether they are fit parents. In reality, however, the outcome of the case may hinge on none of these questions but on which of the two veteran actors puts on the better performance. The judge in the child custody suit is, as he himself admitted last week, virtually redundant: "You are trying this case a little bit to me and mostly to the public." Acting Justice Elliot Wilk of the Manhattan state supreme court told both sides.

The latest charges go like this: in the New York supreme court last week, Ms Farrow's lawyers accused Mr Allen of having sex with Soon-Yi, her adopted daughter, in front of Dylan, seven, his adopted daughter, whom he is accused of molesting and abusing. Ms Farrow is accused by Mr Allen of brainwashing the children.

Each side has gone to extraordinary lengths to woo the media, with each story more lurid than the last. The media can be partly blamed for this, but the fault lies primarily with the actors and their lawyers, whose choice it was to play out their tale as a public relations fist-fight.

This week Judge Wilk ordered that a hearing into the case should be held on January 26, when Mr Allen and Ms Farrow will have to testify. This will be the first time either protagonist has taken the stand to submit to cross-examination.

Savimbi vows to cut petrol

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN LUANDA

ANGOLAN soldiers fought to hold a key city in the oil-rich Zaire province yesterday, a day after Jonas Savimbi, the Unita rebel leader, vowed to "strike where it hurt most" and leave the government without petrol.

Rebel troops attacked Soyo, 190 miles north of Luanda, at dawn, following up an attack the previous day on a Belgian-owned oil well just north of the city. Government troops in Menongue, 500 miles southeast of the capital, clashed with a Unita force believed to be the vanguard of a convoy trying to open a route between the rebel headquarters in Huambo and a former Unita stronghold in the bushland of southernmost Cuango Cubango province.

Both sides claimed to hold Huambo, 330 miles southeast of Luanda. Rebel radio said intense bombing by government planes had killed hundreds and reduced most of the city to rubble.

Dr Savimbi has offered to negotiate, but refused to come to Luanda because of "security concerns". On Tuesday, he told the United Nations representative, Margaret Anstee, that Nigeria, Ivory Coast or Morocco would be feasible venues for talks.

Unita, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, has controlled more than half the country since fighting resumed on October 31 after Dr Savimbi refused to accept the results of elections he lost to President dos Santos.

'Horrors' of ANC camps denounced

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

A HARDLINE anti-communist organisation yesterday published a report denouncing the African National Congress's treatment of dissidents in exile and naming senior members as bearing responsibility for what a South African lawyer called "unbridled and sustained horror".

The International Freedom Foundation, an "educational institution" with headquarters in Washington, had commissioned Robert Douglas, 56, a barrister, to conduct a commission of enquiry into the detention centres established by the ANC in various African countries, in which dissidents and suspected spies were held, tortured and killed.

The ANC has admitted that appalling things were done in the camps. A report of its internal enquiry was published last year, and Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, announced last week that an independent enquiry has now been established.

Mr Douglas, a former parliamentary candidate for the Democratic party, blames the South African Communist party for the establishment of the ANC's security system, Mbokodo ("the boulder which crushes"). He names Communist party leaders, who also hold high rank in the ANC, as implicated. They include Chris Hani, the general secretary of the Communist party, Joe Slovo, its president, and Ronnie Kasrils, a member of the central committee.

Bombay poor start to rebuild slums

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY'S slum dwellers, who bore the brunt of seven days of rioting instigated by religious extremists and criminal gangs, began reassembling their shattered homes under protection from the army yesterday.

Business in India's commercial capital, however, remained practically at a standstill, with millions of people forced to remain at home because of curfews. The *Times of India*, which conducted a survey of hospitals in the city, put the death toll from the riots at nearly 500, more than double the official figure.

Social workers estimate that as many as 50,000 people have fled their homes or were driven out by so-called "slum lords" who used the riots as cover. The battle for space in India's most crowded city lies behind the soaring crime rate and increased religious tension. Half of Bombay's 11 million people live in slums or on the streets. Dharavi, which is the biggest slum in Asia, sprawls across the heart of the city.

This was the second bout of rioting since the destruction of the Babri mosque in Ayodhya on December 6. The first was started by Muslims, who were driven back by police firing live rounds indiscriminately. The latest outbreak was led by Hindus, who were not even subjected to teargas by the largely Hindu police force.

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132 of the 183 people officially listed as killed in the first round of rioting had died from police action. Of those, 98 were Muslims. Most of the victims this time were also Muslims. Shiv Sena, an extremist Hindu organisation that controls parts of Bombay and wields substantial influence among builders and other businessmen, played a key role in the riots. Its newspaper, *Saamna*, pours out a daily fare of anti-Muslim vitriol.

Slum lords, with their political influence and access to armed gangs to do their bidding, had a free rein during the riots because of police indifference and a collapse of leadership from the state government of Maharashtra, of which Bombay is the capital.

Like the central government, the state administration is headed by the Congress (I) party, which has become almost paralysed by infighting and indecision since the destruction of the Ayodhya

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Fatal shots lay bare the triple threat to British force

BY ADAM LEBOR IN VITEZ AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

IRONICALLY, the first British casualty among the 2,400-strong United Nations contingent in Bosnia was killed by a bullet apparently fired from a Croat or Muslim gun. His death underlined the unpredictability of the risks Western forces face each day in the former Yugoslav republic.

Since the British troops arrived in Bosnia in early November, the main source of risk has come from indiscriminate Serbian artillery and mortar fire. Serb gunners a few days ago let loose more than 130 shells on the garrison town of Tomislavgrad, home to hundreds of British soldiers, and several fell on the British compound, damaging vehicles and property. Serb forces have also repeatedly fired at British armoured vehicles escorting aid convoys along and across active front lines.

As the British troops, after their arrival, developed a daily routine of convoy escorts and armoured patrols, they learnt to expect Serb attacks, especially in such vulnerable spots as the so-called "bomb alley", a three-mile stretch north of Kladanj on the road to Tuzla in northern Bosnia.

But nothing in the Balkans is simple. The fresh eruption of fighting between previously allied Croat and Muslim forces could be the precursor of the ultimate Bosnian nightmare: battles between the two sides in houses, streets and towns where nobody could ever be safe because there would be no front lines as a whole region turned into a giant Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, where danger and hardship are the population's daily lot.

The British UN force has contingency plans for this unnerving situation, as well as for several other possible scenarios, but a Muslim-Croat war would probably necessitate the force's evacuation, since its job would be made impossible.

When an advance British party went to Bosnia at the end of October last year, soldiers from The Cheshire Regiment, travelling in Land-Rovers, were caught in crossfire outside Vitez as Croat and Muslim troops attacked each other. This incident raised new fears for the British troops, since they were to be based in Vitez.

Croats and Muslims were supposed to be allies in the war against the Serbs and the breakdown in co-operation between the two forces caused considerable alarm. What it meant was that British troops could be vulnerable to attack from three sides.



THE British soldier killed in Bosnia was Lance Corporal Wayne Edwards, 26, a single man from Wrexham, Clwyd (Ronald Faux writes). He had served in Bosnia with the 1st Battalion, Cheshire Regiment since November. L Cpl Edwards was a specialist Warrior driver whose regiment was the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

Colonel Nick Claypool said yesterday from the headquarters of the Wales and Western District of the Army that first reports suggested L Cpl Edwards had been caught in crossfire between Muslim and Croat gunmen as he drove his Warrior vehicle through the centre of Gornji Vakuf. He was hit in the head by small-arms fire. A doctor travelling in another vehicle in the convoy attended to him and he was taken to a nearby medical centre, but his wounds proved fatal.

At the time of the shooting, L Cpl Edwards was driving the first of a pair of Warriors conducting a routine escort patrol through the town towards Split. The task involved escorting a civilian ambulance carrying three local women, two of them Muslim and one a Croat. In Gornji Vakuf, Muslims and Croats, former allies against the Serbs, have clashed repeatedly in recent days.

This triple threat was underlined by the more serious clash when groups of extreme Croat fascist troops indulged in brutal ethnic cleansing of the Muslim population in Prozor, southwest Bosnia. Since then, however, the Croats and Muslims have agreed to honour their alliance and set up a joint defence council.

The clashes last summer and autumn between Croats and Muslims were a terrifying precursor of the conditions under which the British UN contingent could have to work. Police checkpoints become frontline army positions when nervous soldiers point their machineguns in every direction, hiding in ditches and behind trees and bushes while every house becomes a front-line battle zone.

Until recently the checkpoints on the road to and from the British base at Vitez were ringed with mines. Now the mines have gone, but security is once again being stepped up as Croat-Muslim tensions rise. So far the conflict between the two has remained more or less localised and there is hope that it can be contained and stopped. British officers are actively involved in negotiations between the warring sides.

But even if this latest Muslim-Croat twist in the Bosnian tragedy can be contained, the ever-present threat from the Serbs remains. They could lay on a repeat of their previous attacks on British forces, such as that at Tomislavgrad, whenever they choose.

Warrior armoured vehicle reconnaissance patrols to the frontline village of Turbe, near Travnik, have been repeatedly shelled and suffered light damage. British troops also regularly travel to the besieged town of Tuzla, where they have been repeatedly targeted on the road in and out. Last weekend troops driving Warriors opened up for the first time with their 30mm Rarden cannon as they came under fire. It can only be a precursor of things to come.

The British have three bases in Bosnia. In addition to the logistics camp at Tomislavgrad and the headquarters at Vitez, where the majority of The Chesire Regiment is based, there is a forward camp at Gornji Vakuf. An armoured company 300-strong is located there, equipped with 15 Warriors and eight Scimitar light reconnaissance tanks.

The soldiers are from The Cheshire Regiment, 9th/12th Lancers, Royal Engineers, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and a few, including Lance Corporal Wayne John Edwards, the man killed, from other regiments attached to the British battle group in Bosnia.

Gornji Vakuf is a dreary little town in central Bosnia whose only importance lies in its position on the road from the Croatian port of Split, through Tomislavgrad to the area around Vitez and Travnik. It lies at the end of a dirt track (known as "the road of salvation" along which aid comes) that snakes through the hills and much resembles a Wild West town, with every other man carrying a Kalashnikov assault rifle. Before the war its population was 52 per cent Muslim and 42 per cent Croat.

In the past 36 hours it has been simmering with violence, otherwise known as the Balkan factor. The town has not come under fire from Serbian artillery and with so many men at arms wandering the streets it is no great surprise that shooting has broken out between Croats and Muslims.

The fatal incident in the centre of the town yesterday morning did not appear to be a deliberate attack on the two British Warrior armoured infantry fighting vehicles as they escorted a civilian charities ambulance through Gornji Vakuf. L Cpl Edwards, 26, a Warrior driver from the Royal Welch Fusiliers, had only his helmeted head visible as the shots rang out.

While it is generally accepted that the British troops have been fortunate not to have suffered fatal casualties until now, yesterday's death served only to highlight the dangers, even in a town where the risks would normally be regarded as relatively low.

Fatal casualties have been avoided on the escorted convoys largely because the Serbian artillery and mortar fire has been inaccurate or, when there has been contact, the armour on the Warriors and Scimitars has protected the soldiers.

The death of L Cpl Edwards brings to 23 the number of UN military personnel killed in the peacekeeping and humanitarian operations in Croatia and Bosnia. There have also been 333 injured. Many of the casualties were not war-related.

Britain itself has now suffered one death and two injured, both of the latter incidents occurring just before Christmas. France has suffered the most casualties, with eight dead and about 50 injured. Three of its soldiers were killed in traffic accidents and two died in a Serbian ambush in Sarajevo.

Other UN soldiers killed have come from Canada, Ukraine, Argentina, Russia and Nigeria. Most of the deaths have occurred in Sarajevo and many of them have arisen from hazardous repair work on damaged utilities.

Death of soldier boosts case for UK reinforcements

■ The cabinet meeting today is likely to approve the deployment of a powerful array of air, naval and ground forces in the Balkans

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE first fatality among British troops engaged in relief operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina is likely to strengthen the case for reinforcements to be sent to the region, John Major and his senior colleagues indicated yesterday.

The cabinet is expected to approve today the deployment of a powerful array of air, naval and ground forces in the Balkans. Yesterday, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and Douglas Hogg, a Foreign Office minister, emphasised the contribution the 2,400 British troops were making in bringing food and medicines to besieged towns and cities in former Yugoslavia.

Paying tribute to the dead man and extending their sympathies to his relatives, the two ministers made clear that Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, would be pressing ahead with the package of reinforcements he will present to the cabinet. The prime minister, who has made the safety of the British troops in Bosnia the "paramount" consideration in his approach to the conflict in the Balkans, said: "I am very sad. This soldier has lost his life in working to save the lives of many others. No one can make a greater sacrifice than that. His family have my deepest in the sorrow they face."

Downing Street officials said that the government had never underestimated the risks of bringing succour to beleaguered Bosnians. In a hint that the reinforcements — led by the aircraft carrier HMS *Ark Royal* and including RAF jets, artillery and another 300 men — would soon be on their way to the Balkans, officials indicated that ministers had no intention of abandoning the humanitarian effort. "We will carry on providing humanitarian aid," one senior source said.

Labour also warmly endorsed the role played by British forces in the humanitarian operation. Most Conservative MPs remain strongly opposed to a combat role for British troops, but there were few signs in the Commons yesterday that the shooting of the soldier, Lance Corporal Wayne Edwards, from the Cheshire Regiment, in the Muslim-Croat town of Gornji Vakuf, would lead to demands for a British withdrawal from the Balkans.

Mr Hurd told MPs that the Bosnian conflict had claimed its first life among the British contingent shortly before he flew to Brussels for a meeting of European Community foreign ministers reviewing the outcome of the Geneva peace talks. After expressing his condolences to the relatives of the dead man, the foreign secretary said the British forces in the region were carrying out a necessary job successfully. So far, they had escorted 147 convoys carrying nearly 12,000 tonnes of food aid. "Lives have been saved," he said.

Mr Hogg, who has responsibility for Eastern Europe at the Foreign Office, said that the government was still trying to establish the full circumstances of the "tragedy" of the soldier's death and then see what lessons could be learnt from it.

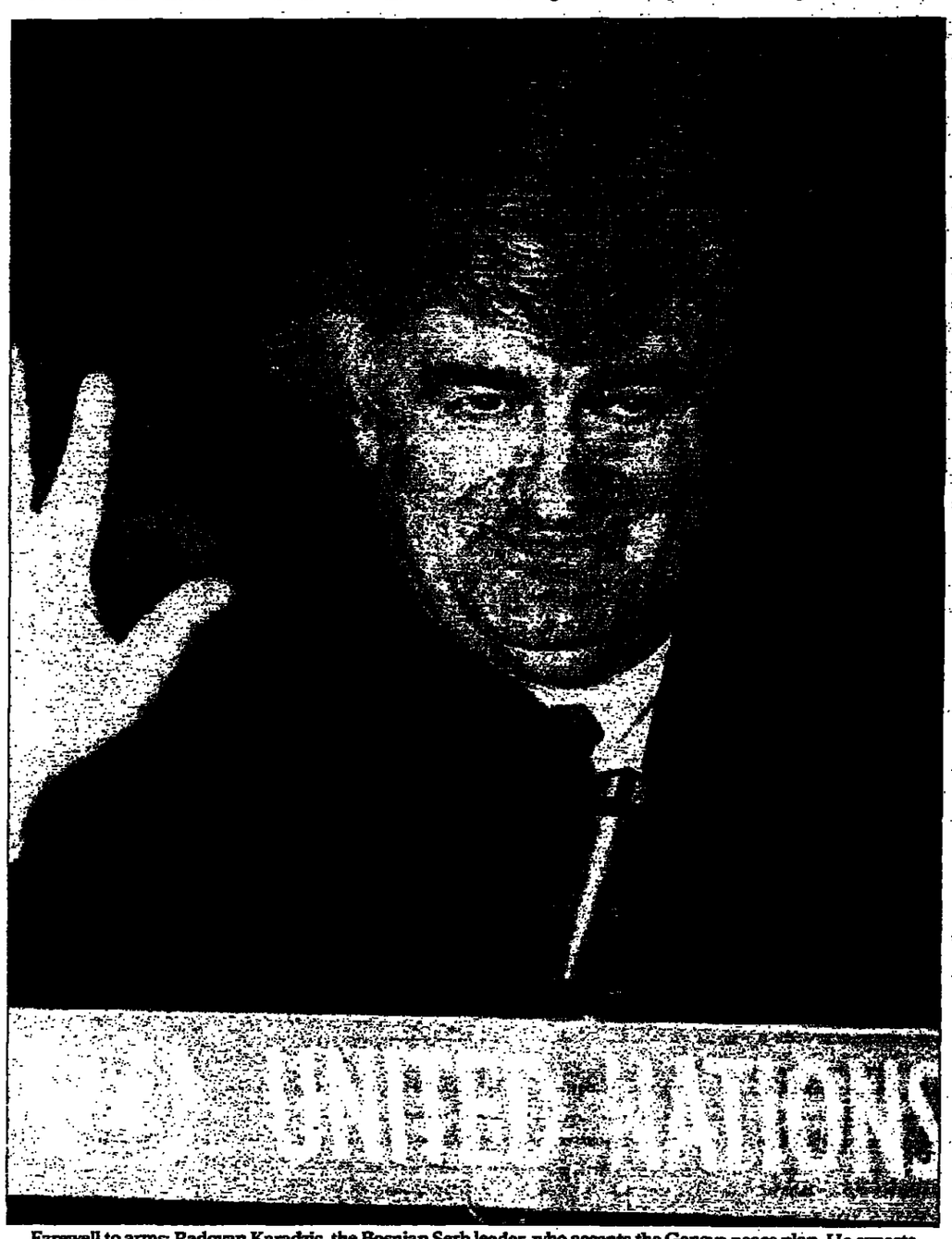
George Robertson, a Labour frontbench foreign affairs spokesman, joined the expressions of sympathy. "Our troops wearing the blue helmets of the UN are involved in a heroic task of getting humanitarian help to thousands of people who would otherwise die in the winter of this horrible civil war.

"It was never going to be a risk-free operation, but it is still a significant tragedy when even one of our troops is killed for the greater good of the people of this troubled area."

After meeting Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian foreign minister, a critic of British policy in the Balkans, Mr Hurd welcomed the "progress" made in Geneva where Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, had accepted a settlement subject to approval by his supporters' self-styled assembly. Mr Robertson said it was the first "glimmer of hope".

The foreign secretary was pressed by a number of Tory MPs to endorse Mr Silajdzic's call for all heavy weaponry to be placed under United Nations control. Mr Hurd said that this had been opposed by the Bosnian Serbs but was part of the settlement they had conditionally accepted.

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Farewell to arms: Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, who accepts the Geneva peace plan. He expects his supporters in their self-styled assembly to accept the deal, but says that he will resign if they reject it

UN denies helping Serbs to steal aid

Geneva: United Nations relief officials have disputed an American report that said Serbian forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina have been diverting nearly a quarter of all supplies sent to Sarajevo with the consent of the United Nations.

Sylvana Foa, chief spokeswoman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said that all parties to the nine-month-old civil war were skimming relief supplies to some extent. "But to say that we would give it to the Serbian militia is just not true," she said. She also expressed doubts about the figure of 23 per cent that had been cited as the volume of supplies diverted.

The *New York Times* said that UN recognised the Serbs as the "de facto authority" in the region and had sought to "appease the Serb militias by providing 'authorities' a portion of all relief commodities arriving by airlift". *(AFP)*

Cambodia peace workers killed

Siem Reap, Cambodia: Two Cambodian women hired to register voters by the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (Untac) were murdered by unidentified gunmen as they slept.

The women's tent was raked by automatic rifle fire near here. It was the first killing of UN peacekeepers in Cambodia. Two UN policemen, from Ghana and India, were wounded. Yasushi Akashi, the Untac chief, denounced the killings. The elections are likely in April or May. *(AFP)*

Germany agrees use of troops

Bonn: The German coalition government agreed to try to sweep away constitutional barriers to let German forces join international military operations, officials said. Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, said they should now hold talks with the more reluctant opposition Social Democrats.

The ruling parties agreed that German soldiers should be able to take part in United Nations operations, even if this meant a direct combat role, and UN-approved emergency intervention missions led by Western alliances such as Nato or the Western European Union. *(Reuter)*

Tokyo to discuss military role

Tokyo: Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic party said it planned to open formal discussions in parliament on amending the American-drafted "peace constitution".

Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, chairman of the policy affairs council, said Japan's contribution to United Nations peacekeeping activities must be enlarged and that this would require constitutional changes. Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, has repeatedly vowed not to seek to alter the key "no-war, no-military" clause. *(Reuter)*

West told there must be no let-up in pressure on Belgrade

Britain and other nations allowed the Serbs to get away with murder by ruling out military intervention, but now their bluff has been called and there is ground for optimism, the Bosnian foreign minister, now in London, tells Nicholas Wood

JOHN MANNING



Silajdzic: all artillery should be in UN hands if Sarajevo siege is to end

ALL heavy weapons in Bosnia-Herzegovina should be placed under the direct control of United Nations troops, Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian foreign minister, said yesterday. He expressed guarded optimism that the Bosnian Serbs would accept the peace accord provisionally reached in Geneva.

Mr Silajdzic, making a visit to London, said that enforcing international resolutions intended to deny artillery to the combatants was essential to halting the fighting and lifting the siege of Sarajevo. In an interview with *The Times* shortly before seeing Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, Mr Silajdzic maintained strongly that it was vital for the West to keep up the military and diplomatic pressure on the Serbs if it wanted a lasting peace settlement.

He was scathing about the stance adopted by Britain and its European partners towards the conflict, saying that, had Lady Thatcher and not John Major been at the helm, the Belgrade government would not have been allowed to get away with "genocide" against the Muslim communities.

Slobodan Milosevic, the hardline Serbian president, was only now putting pressure on Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, to accept peace terms because the West had belatedly become serious about military intervention. United States threats of cruise missile attacks on Serbian airfields and the growing prospect of enforcement of the air exclusion zone had forced a change of heart in Belgrade.

"The Belgrade regime received a message that the international community was serious. That has made a difference. There is no more talk about non-intervention," Mr Silajdzic said.

"They used force against Bosnia because Bosnia did not have force. Now they are faced with the same methods: 'If you do not stop using force, it will be used against you.' It is the only thing they understand. Now they see it is not a bluff — that's why all of a sudden they are very peace-loving."

Mr Silajdzic said that the West should keep up the pressure by enforcing the no-fly zone. If it did not, the Serbs would interpret it as a loss of resolve and might press ahead with the war.

The minister, who also met Opposition leaders yesterday at Westminster, said that by repeatedly ruling out military intervention Britain and other European countries had encouraged Serbian aggression. "Having frequent statements that there would be no intervention violates the art of statesmanship. It is not statesmanship to say what you are not going to do. Saying that they would not intervene was giving the green light to continuing aggression."

Britain had not only failed to come to the defence of the Bosnians, it had denied them the means to defend themselves, Mr Silajdzic said. "I have been critical of the role of the British government because I believe that if you cannot help a country in deep trouble, you should stand aside.

"Our people never understood these statements that there should be no intervention, even after it was clear that a genocide is taking place down there. What right do they have, if they do not want to intervene, to prevent us exercising our right to self-defence? How could they impose an embargo that hits only Bosnia, only the victims?"

That policy had failed in its stated aim of curbing the violence. "Could you imagine more violence than 200,000 people dead and 1.5 million homeless?"

Mr Major had succumbed to a wider paralysis in European politics and psychological dependence on the United States, Mr Silajdzic said. Had Lady Thatcher, who he had met several times, stayed in power, she would have broken this logjam and shown the "courage to take risks, to take decisions".

Mr Silajdzic added: "Leadership means decision-taking, even though decisions are sometimes not very popular. It is easy to take popular decisions."

His optimism about the Geneva settlement was based on the belief that Mr Milosevic would not allow the "militants" in the self-styled Bosnian Serb assembly to stand in his way. But a weary-looking Mr Silajdzic, 47, a writer and historian, who had flown to London from the peace talks, was in no mood for celebration. "What Europe did in Bosnia will never be forgotten. Genocide took place with Europe watching. Nothing can change that fact now. One and a half million innocent civilians are homeless and Europe will have to live with it: not only morally but with the practical consequences as well."

□ Copenhagen: The EC said yesterday it has failed to get its members jointly to recognise Macedonia because of Greek opposition to that name for the former Yugoslav republic. It suggested that the Twelve do so unilaterally if Macedonia joins the United Nations, possibly as early as next week. Greece denounced this as "unacceptable and outside the context of Community decisions," according to the Greek foreign ministry spokesman, Dimitris Avramopoulos, in Athens.

Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish foreign minister, whose country holds the EC presidency, said the dispute had caused economic hardship in the republic. No EC humanitarian aid had yet reached Macedonia, and he indirectly blamed Greece for this. "I am going to have some very serious questions" for the Greek government, he added. *(AP)*

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Honecker's release to Chilean exile cheats his victims

■ The trial of the former East German leader over Berlin Wall killings has halted in frustration and farce. The attempted catharsis of a totalitarian past will end in a blurred evasion of responsibilities

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BERLIN

TO THE anguish of those who lost relatives at the Berlin Wall, the secret relief of the German government and the bewilderment of the entire country, Erich Honecker was released from Moabit prison yesterday and flown to Chile.

The trial of the former East German leader was halted after a Berlin regional court, where he faced charges of abuse of power, upheld the verdict of another court on Tuesday that Herr Honecker's liver cancer was too far advanced to allow proceedings to continue.

He left prison under heavy police escort and was driven straight to Tegel airport for a flight to Frankfurt. He was flying on to Brazil and Chile to join his wife, Margot, and daughter, Sonja. He is expected to die within six months.

A solidarity committee of supporters had collected funds for his ticket, an emergency passport was arranged, and doctors and government officials accompanied him on the flight. Unrepentant to the end, the hardline communist who supervised the building of the notorious wall in 1961, and authorised the shooting of more than 200 people who tried to escape across it, made no statement. He was driven out of the prison gates in a speeding police convoy, past throngs of photographers and onlookers. A last-minute attempt was made by relatives of those who died on the wall to get the federal constitutional court in Karlsruhe to reverse the decision to free him. But it failed.

Herr Honecker's trial ended 169 days after he was brought back to Germany under armed guard from Moscow, where he had taken refuge in the Chilean embassy. But the attempt to confront the man who ruled East Germany for 18 years with the killings authorised by his regime, and the corruption of his leadership, ended in frustration and farce.

Proceedings almost collapsed last week, after the presiding judge was dismissed for attempting to conceal his request for Herr Honecker's autograph. Of his 13 days in court, only four were spent on the charges; the rest were taken up with wrangles over his fitness to stand trial.

Without him, the trial of three other defendants — Heinz Kessler, 71, the former defence minister, Fritz Streletz, 66, chief of the general staff, and Hans Albrecht, 73, a regional party leader — will prove inconclusive.

Two other main defendants have been freed on health grounds: Willi Stoph, 78, the former prime minister, and Erich Mielke, 85, the former head of the Stasi secret police. What started out as the attempted catharsis of East Germany's totalitarian past will end instead in a blurred evasion of responsibilities.



Margot Honecker, once a powerful politician in her right

Herr Honecker, pale and silent during most of the proceedings, spoke out only once, in a defiant justification of his role in building the Wall and following hardline communism. He said the wall had prevented millions of deaths in a European nuclear war; without it there would have been no East-West rapprochement and no German unity. In an hour-long speech as selective and self-serving as the old East German propaganda, he expressed only hints of regret at the deaths on the wall, which he said "not only affected us personally, but damaged us politically". But he insisted that he had killed no one himself and that the federal authorities had no right to try him for his state duties.

Throughout, he and his lawyers described the trial as a farce, a continuation of the Cold war and a "Nuremberg trial against communists". Symbolically, he joined the former West German Communist party — all that now remains of communism here — while he was in prison in September.

He was put on trial for 12 specimen manslaughter charges out of the more than 200 people who were shot trying to escape. The last, Chris Gueffroy, died on 5 February, 1989. From the start, however, lawyers and the Bonn government were divided over the legality of trying him for deeds committed in one country under the legal norms and proceedings of another.

Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, who — Herr Honecker noted sarcastically during his trial — had received him in Bonn with full head of state honours in 1987, made no comment on yesterday's outcome. He had promised at the start that this would not be a "political trial".

Other Bonn politicians expressed a mixture of frustration, bitterness and resignation at the decision. Wolfgang Thierse, deputy chairman of the opposition Social Democrats and a former East German opponent of Herr Honecker, said the decision, which he accepted "with painful respect", had to be explained to former East German citizens who expected much of the trial.

Ordinary Germans are angered and exasperated. For millions, Herr Honecker's sanctimonious propaganda, slavish pro-Soviet policies and unbending ideology personified the cruelty and hypocrisy of the East German regime. The thousands who fled before the wall came down in 1989, and the millions forced to endure petty humiliation at the hands of East German officials, still want to see Herr Honecker punished.

In Chile he will be warmly welcomed. Chile recognised the German Democratic Republic in 1971, and when President Allende was overthrown Herr Honecker offered asylum to hundreds of politicians facing persecution under the Pinochet dictatorship. Among them was a recent Chilean ambassador to Moscow, who gave Herr Honecker sanctuary when Russia came under pressure to return him to Germany.

Herr Honecker's daughter, Sonja, is married to a Chilean, but neither she nor Margot Honecker, a once powerful political figure in her own right, whose relations with her husband were apparently as icy as her public demeanour, stayed in Berlin to await the outcome of the trial. As many here have noted wryly, he is only the latest in a string of bad Germans to flee to South America.

☐ **Santiago:** Sympathisers called on former Chilean exiles to turn up at Santiago airport today to demonstrate support for Herr Honecker. Graciela Alvarez, head of a left-wing coalition called the "Committee for Honecker's Freedom", made the call for a demonstration of support in a press statement.

"The days of captivity of Erich Honecker have reached their end," the statement said.

Margot Honecker told *Las Ultimas Noticias* newspaper that she was still not sure when her husband would arrive. "But it seems that where he should be at the moment is in a hospital," the newspaper quoted her as saying. Supporters said the government had promised to pay his medical bills, but officials denied this. *(Reuter)*



Road to freedom: Erich Honecker leaving prison in Berlin after a court decided yesterday to release him. The former East German leader, who has liver cancer, had been on trial for the manslaughter of people fleeing his regime

NEWS IN BRIEF

Aristide to regain power in Haiti

Miami: Haiti's military leaders are to allow President Aristide, ousted 15 months ago, to return to power, according to sources in Washington and Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital (David Adams writes).

After intense diplomatic negotiations, involving officials from President Bush's administration and the transition team of Bill Clinton, the president-elect, the Haitian military high command has signed a document, handed to the United Nations, agreeing to the return of Father Aristide.

Although no date for his return has been specified, observers say that the agreement could be enough to prevent a mass exodus of more than 100,000 Haitian refugees apparently preparing to leave for Florida.

In return for the agreement, Father Aristide has publicly offered a general amnesty to military officers involved in the coup that toppled him. In a speech broadcast by Voice of America, he told Haitians not to flee their country. "I am quite sure that if [Haitians] stay at home ... we will soon see the changes we are looking for," he said.

Keating speaks up for troops

Brisbane: Paul Keating, the prime minister, has accused Britain of blaming Australian soldiers for a failure of its own defence policy in 1942 (Robert Cockburn writes).

He attacked papers released by the British Public Records Office accusing Australian troops of looting, rape and drunkenness in Singapore during the second world war. Mr Keating said that Australian troops in Singapore had acted overwhelmingly with "courage and distinction".

Patten boosted

Hong Kong: The Legislative Council has voted 35-2 against a call for Chris Patten, the governor, to withdraw his constitutional reform plans. The vote affirms the council's right to a say in the colony's affairs before its 1997 handover to China.

Pact agreed

Paris: France's neo-Gaullist Rally for the Republic and the centre-right Union for Democracy parties have agreed to field joint candidates in 460 of the 577 constituencies in March parliamentary elections. They are favourites to topple the Socialists. *(Reuter)*

Vilnius trial set

Moscow: Former leaders of Lithuania's Communist party are to be tried for their involvement in armed intervention by Soviet troops in Vilnius during January 1991. Fourteen people were killed in the operation. *(AFP)*

Minister quits

Bern: René Felber, the Swiss foreign minister, announced his resignation, citing ill health. He supported European integration, only to see Swiss voters reject membership of an enlarged European market last month. *(Reuter)*

Chernobyl fire

Kiev: Fire broke out at the Chernobyl power station, site of the world's worst nuclear accident in 1986, but officials said it was extinguished within an hour and there was no radiation danger. The blaze started in a shed between two reactors. *(Reuter)*

Shuttle mission

Cape Canaveral: The shuttle Endeavour blasted off from Florida carrying five astronauts on a weeklong mission to release a communications satellite and study Milky Way gases. *(AFP)*

Scandal hangs over Schluter

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

POUL Schluter, the Danish prime minister, who heads a minority Conservative-Liberal government, today faces a moment of truth over a refugee scandal that could end his successful decade in power on a note of disgrace.

After a 32-month enquiry, Judge Mogens Hornslet, of the supreme court, is to unveil a 6,000-page report on Sri Lankan exiles that, commentators say, could bring down the government, which has just taken over the European Community presidency, and sweep the Social Democrats to power. Mr Schluter, who will receive his copy early today, has said he will devote five and a half hours to reading the document.

The Danish Tamil affair dates back to 1987, when Erik Ninn-Hansen, a former justice minister, anticipating a tightening of immigration laws which never materialised, ordered that relatives in Sri Lanka of Tamil refugees in Denmark would no longer be allowed to join their families here. The decision, in breach of Danish law, was later reversed by a new justice minister, forcing Mr Schluter to set up an enquiry to investigate the matter.

The key issue is whether the prime minister misled parliament and tried to cover up parts of the scandal when he promised in a 1989 speech to parliament that "nothing has been swept under the carpet".

Jorgen Albaek Jensen, assistant professor of public law at Aarhus university, said: "I do not think the report will be so unequivocal that Mr Schluter resigns on his own accord. It will be a question of how he and the opposition choose to interpret the material and distribute the blame, a process which could take some days.".

Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the new leader of the Social Democrat party and a popular former trade union economist, is likely to seize on the report in an attempt to bring his party back to power after ten bleak years in opposition. But Mr Schluter's fate will be decided by the small Radical Liberal party, which holds the balance of power in parliament and refuses to say whether it will continue to support the prime minister after reading the Tamil report.

At a meeting with the European Commission, visiting Denmark to mark its accession to the presidency, Mr Schluter yesterday outlined the main aims of his country's leadership: enlargement negotiations with Sweden, Finland and Austria, due to start on February 1; moves to fight the recession by encouraging economic growth and reducing unemployment; and introducing greater openness, transparency and subsidiarity into the conduct of Community affairs. It was announced that Denmark is to host an EC conference in Copenhagen on April 13 and 14 with the Baltic states and countries of Central and Eastern Europe, but not the Commonwealth of Independent States, on ways to boost political and economic reform and strengthen relations with the Community.

Peking press takes bite at McDonald's pay policy

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

WHEN the world's largest McDonald's opened in Peking almost a year ago, eager young staff could hardly stop smiling at their entry into the ultimate capitalist workplace. Now the honeymoon for the "Maidanglao" restaurant, as it is known here, is over.

People are still buying hamburgers there, just a few minutes' walk from Tiananmen Square. But its staffing policies are under attack. The *Peking Youth News* devoted its front page this week to allegations that staff were underpaid, underfed and cold. One employee, Dong Tao, 23, circulated leaflets urging colleagues to unite and demand better treatment.

McDonald's denies the allegations. More than 20,000 people applied to work there last year, answering advertisements which offered a far higher salary than the local state-run textile factory. Applicants who despaired of getting out of China thought that they might one day be rewarded with a two-week stay at Hamburger University in Illinois.

The *News* allegations highlight the distrust of foreign ventures here. The report concentrated on staffing policies in foreign joint ventures, but mentioned nothing of the abuses which exist in almost every Chinese state-run workplace, where trade unions work closely with management and the Communist party committee, and in no way represent the interests of workers.

"It's the first time I have heard such complaints," said McDonald's Taiwanese manager, Timothy Lai. "I think the problem is that we pioneered the hourly rate in China and people aren't used to it."

The *News* said that some staff had complained that they were earning only about £25 a month, when they had expected £50, a figure based on an eight-hour working day. According to Mr Lai, half of McDonald's staff are part-timers. In China's state-run industries, four or five hours' work is considered a full day.

The advertisements said staff would be rewarded for performance, but the *News* quoted some staff complaining that only a minority gets rewarded. Under McDonald's regulations, staff are allowed one meal for four hours' work, and two meals for six hours' work. Some staff members have complained they do not get enough to eat. The *News* also quotes staff complaining that in Peking's sub-zero winter temperatures they have to wear short-sleeved uniforms. Mr Lai, however, insists that all McDonald's worldwide are kept at a comfortable 22C. He says he intends to discuss the problem in a series of meetings with staff — "the McDonald's way, through communication".



Taste of capitalism: two policemen sampling McDonald's fare in the Peking restaurant

Nixon 'cast aside missing PoWs'

FROM REUTER IN WASHINGTON

A UNITED States Senate report, expected to have been issued yesterday, says the Nixon administration "shunted aside" the possibility that some American prisoners of war were left behind in its rush to extricate Washington from the Vietnam war.

In a draft report, the Senate select committee on prisoners of war and servicemen missing in action said it had uncovered evidence that American captives may have survived in Southeast Asia after the mass repatriation of prisoners, which was known as Operation Homecoming.

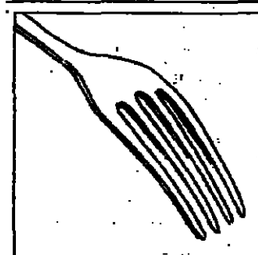
Officials in the administration of Richard Nixon did not have "certain knowledge that any specific prisoner or prisoners were being left behind", the draft summary said. "But there remains the troubling question of whether the Americans who were expected to return but did not were, as a group, shunted aside and discounted by government and population alike. The answer to that question is essentially yes." The senators dropped a proposed addition in a draft produced by staff aides that said "and it is in this sense that a form of abandonment did take place".

A lawyer for Henry Kissinger, Mr Nixon's former secretary of state, had complained to John Kerry, the committee chairman, about the wording of an earlier draft. In a letter to Mr Kerry, Lloyd Cutler, a lawyer, had asked for detailed revisions, saying the draft was "totally lacking in historical perspective".

A total of 591 American prisoners of war were sent home in the spring of 1973 when US forces were withdrawn from Indochina. The committee's final report followed a year-long investigation prompted partly by photographs purporting to show Americans alive in captivity in Southeast Asia. "We acknowledge that there is no proof that US PoWs survived, but neither is there proof that one or more did not," the draft said. "There is evidence, moreover, that indicates the possibility of survival at least for a small number, after Operation Homecoming."

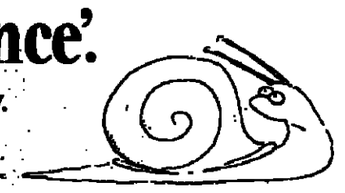
Panel members said in the draft summary dated January 5 that they had hoped to find compelling evidence that some US prisoners of war remained alive. "Unfortunately, our hopes have not been realised," said the draft. "We simply cannot report evidence that missing Americans are alive or that there are firm reasons for anticipating the return of additional US PoWs to American soil, whether through negotiation or rescue."

After Operation Homecoming, more than 70 Americans were officially listed as prisoners of war, the committee said, adding that the fate of some remains unknown to this day. The United States currently lists 2,264 Americans as unaccounted for from the Vietnam war. Unanswered questions about their fate are the chief obstacles to the lifting of an American trade embargo against Vietnam.



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THE TIMES

Matter for the mind

Rolling stones



SOME sound Victorian advice has been resurrected by doctors from the Bristol Royal Infirmary, who have been studying gallstones. They advise women who want to minimise the risk of developing stones, particularly if they are pregnant or taking the Pill, to have a hearty breakfast and to keep their bowels open by enjoying a high-fibre diet.

The report from Bristol in the *Lancet* suggests that the intestinal sluggishness which results in food taking longer to pass through the guts must now be added to other causes of gallstones. Research showed that when patients of normal weight developed gallstones, the average time that the fruit pips, or other more scientific markers, take in their journey from the dinner plate to the sewer increases from 63 hours to 82.

The female hormones produced in abundance in pregnancy, or taken in the contraceptive pill, tend to decrease the muscular tone of the colon and hence slow the passage of the intestinal contents.

Gallstones, which affect between 10 and 20 per cent of the population, are rare before ten and become increasingly common as age advances. More gallstones are found in women than in men, particularly in those who are overweight or in patients with liver disease or diseases of the small intestine, particularly Crohn's disease. It has also been known for some time that the Pill increases the risk of the stones.

Although the overweight are more likely to develop gallstones, extreme dieting — which includes any periods of fasting — may actually increase rather than decrease the chances of developing one. Likewise, although cirrhosis increases the chance of having gallstones, if fit people take alcohol it is more likely to be the sugar in the mixers — whether they be tonic, dry ginger or bitter lemon — rather than the gin or whisky which causes the trouble.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

AS DISASTROUS as Ben Silcock's obsession with lions was for him, other schizophrenic patients and their families have cause to be grateful to him for at least two reasons: the emphasis the incident in London zoo has placed on the plight of those for whom community care is inappropriate, and the publicity it has afforded the benefits of drug therapy in general, and clozapine in particular.

Mr Silcock's case has highlighted the difficulty experienced in getting a firm diagnosis from psychiatrists, and therefore the delay which occurs before effective treatment can be started. His problems also underline the misery which the emphasis on community care can create for both sufferers and their close relatives. It seems that while the term asylum is politically correct when applied to refugees, it becomes unacceptable when it refers to a refuge from day-to-day life. People with schizophrenia can be just as harried and frightened by their own demons — the intrusive thoughts, hallucinations and delusions — as are some foreign nationals by the aggression of political opponents.

Although the old mental hospitals may sometimes be unsuitable for modern treatment, the understanding of a schizophrenic patient's special anxieties is now so good that it should be possible to design accommodation for them which would provide asylum but would spare the patient the demands with which their personalities cannot cope. It is often said that behaviour which is labelled psychotic in a patient from a lower income group is, when found in a richer, and perhaps more intelligent, patient, considered merely bizarre.

The famously eccentric dons who flourished at Oxford and Cambridge in the years up until the second world war often had schizotypal personalities, even if they were not completely schizophrenic, but they were able to operate reasonably efficiently as the collegiate system proved an ideal environment, with heat, light, food and service provided, intellectual stimulation and other people who could be relied upon to be uninquisitive and non-judgmental.

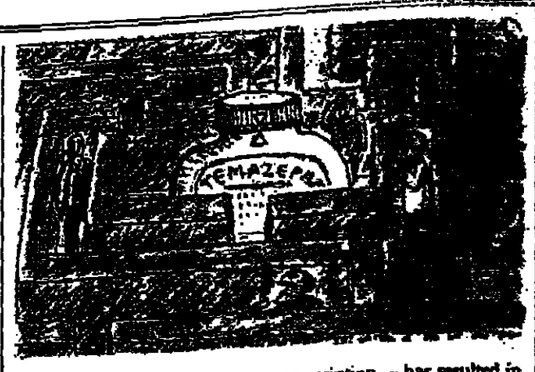
If schizophrenic patients are to live happily in the general community, or indeed in an institution, most will benefit if drug therapy is part of their general treatment. Drugs are helpful in two-thirds of patients but hitherto the other third has presented a considerable problem.

Recently Clozaril, a drug clozapine, has been licensed for the treatment of those patients who do not respond to standard preparations. Since the Silcock case, clozapine has received publicity in various letters to the press from psychiatrists who complain that it is underprescribed because of its expense and that as a result up to 50,000 schizophrenic patients are being denied the chance of relief from their terrifying symptoms solely on the grounds of cost.

Sixty per cent of severe, previously drug-resistant schizophrenic patients improve with clozapine. Symptoms such as withdrawal, inertia, lassitude, and some types of depression as well as agitation and violence can be relieved by the drug, and sometimes the effect is dramatic.

Clozapine has been used abroad for the past 15 years, but was first licensed for use in hospital practice only in Britain in 1990. It is a drug which has side-effects, the most important of which is reduction in the number of white blood cells; patients who take the drug must therefore have their blood checked weekly for the first four months, and thereafter fortnightly.

The disadvantages of this particular side-effect are to some extent balanced by a marked lessening in the risk of tardive dyskinesia, involuntary grimacing, which occurs in 15 per cent of patients on the other neuroleptic drugs used in the treatment of schizophrenia. Fortunately, the great majority of people with this symptom lose it once the drugs are discontinued.



A decision to sleep on

TEMAZEPAM, the sleeping pill, is the fourth most commonly prescribed drug in Britain, but the patients who collect the seven million scripts which doctors write for it each year may soon find that the local GP, however friendly, will in future be more reluctant to prescribe it.

Mims magazine reports that the government is consulting with the medical authorities, including the British Medical Association, about their plans to make temazepam, or Normison, a Schedule 3 controlled drug. When it has been applied to other drugs, this reclassification — which results in increasing work for the doctor every time he writes a prescription — has resulted in a reduction in prescriptions by about 30 per cent.

The government is responding to pressure from the Home Office, which is concerned that in 1991 there were 5,000 reported incidents, and presumably many more unreported, when the drug was misused.

The desirability of allowing the delinquent behaviour of a tiny minority to influence the treatment by doctors of seven million, one assumes deserving, cases a year seems ethically questionable and possibly expensive. Other drugs likely to be prescribed instead of temazepam are lormetazepam — another benzodiazepine which is not usually abused — or Zimovane, cyclopyrrolone, which has fewer side-effects than the benzodiazepines but is much more expensive.

Not such hard labour after all

One sceptical father-to-be admits that childbirth classes can be useful

My cousin Geoffrey could be described as a rare, magical breed of male. Despite the entreaties of his pregnant wife he committed one of the great social heresies of the age by stoically refusing to attend childbirth classes. "It is like your wife having a brain operation and you going to a few evening classes so you can assist with the surgery," he said.

The only role I could forsee was defending my partner from being tempted into the worst excesses of class members keen to abandon 20th-century medical technology in favour of birth in a keg of orange juice. Arriving at the home of our tutor, my worst fears were confirmed. Several of the fathers-to-be were bearded. There was also a tell-tale range of aromatic teas on offer as refreshment. Before you could say Caesarean she would have us skyclad in the back garden for a spot of mutual tummy touching.

Eight weeks later I was still attending classes and, dare one say, actually looking forward to them.

It had become obvious that I was far from prepared. At the first whiff of a wifely contraction I would have been bundling Sarah into the motor for a dash to the delivery room. I had never heard of Braxton-Hicks contractions, muscular twitches linked with the firming of the uterus, which have fooled many a husband.

In a well-managed group we also had the chance to air concerns and fears, many of which as partners we had conveniently buried. Before the classes I had presumed that my only role in the delivery room was, rather like an impartial dignitary at the launch of a liner, to crack open the champagne. But most of the women in the group wanted husbands there to play storm trooper if, as can sometimes happen, the delivery team become pain-killer-and-forceps happy after a protracted labour.

Yet moments of bemusement did occur. During one class the men were asked to sit at the back with Play Mobile, a device which allows participants to arrange a toy delivery room complete with pregnant wife, dutiful father, hospital staff and equipment. None of us could see the point. Was it to prepare us for the layout of a real hospital room, or to keep us away from the women during a delicate discussion? It was never made clear.

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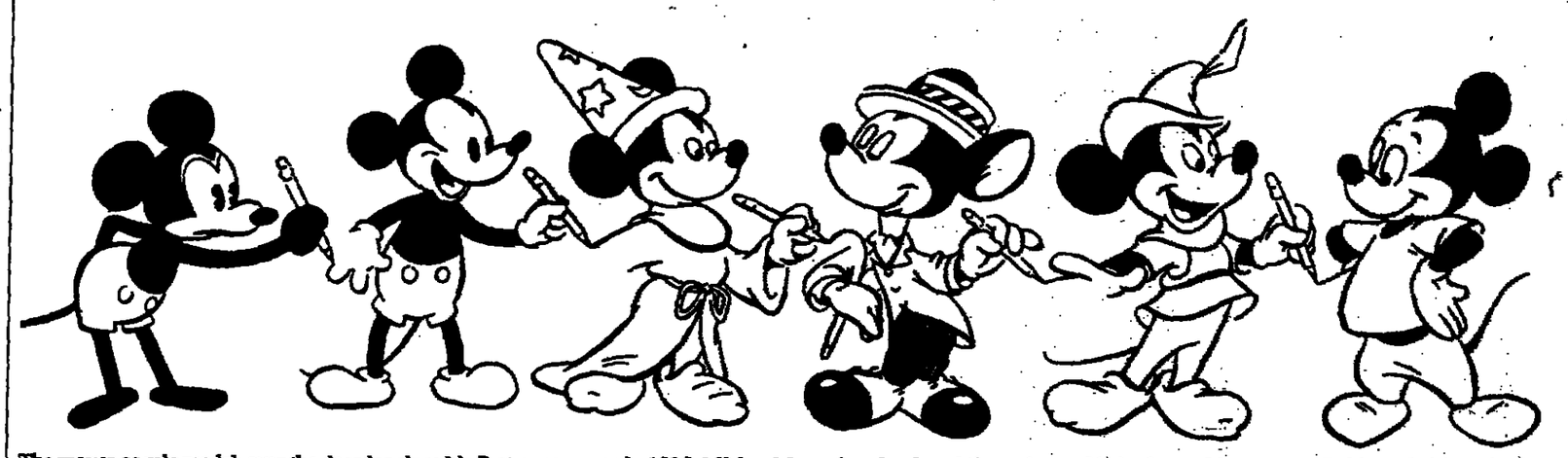
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Big eyes could keep you out of jail — and the boardroom. **Jerome Burne** reports



The mouse as role model: over the decades since his first appearance in 1928, Mickey Mouse has developed the archetypal baby-face — big eyes, small chin and plump cheeks

Grown-up problems hit the baby-faces

A cute little baby-face may set the songwriter's heart jumping, but the rest of us, when not smitten with love or lust, are less enthusiastic. Instead, we see someone who is socially dependent, intellectually naive and physically weak. On the other hand, we also expect them to be honest, sincere and warm — and we have no idea we do so.

Dr Leslie Zebrowitz, a researcher at Brandeis University in Massachusetts, recently reported that people not only agree on who has a baby-face, but have very definite ideas about what baby-faces are like — and the stereotype stays the same for someone aged six or 60. "We are talking about largely unconscious attitudes here," Dr Zebrowitz says. "But they can have big effects on people's lives. For example, having a baby-face can affect the sort of job you'll get or how you will do in a court case." About 15 per cent of the population is reckoned to be baby-faced to some degree.

Fifty years ago, Konrad Lorenz, the ethologist, described how baby-like features made other animals behave in a protective rather than an aggressive way, and since then researchers have teased out what those features are in humans.

Large eyes are the most powerful indicator, but a flat bridge to the nose, small chin and plump cheeks all contribute to the effect. Why other babyish features — sparse, scrappy hair, puffy eyelids and a large forehead — are not equally moving to adults no one knows.

But putting on a baby-face is the goal of both female beauty routines and the designers of Mickey Mouse: both go for small noses, plucked eyebrows and big eyes.

"I'm interested in the way social reactions are influenced by what people see," says Dr Zebrowitz, and in the case of baby-faces that influence starts early. Baby-faced children are treated differently from their classmates who look more mature. Parents and teachers expect the mature-looking six-year-olds to be more able to follow complicated instructions and to be better at telling right from wrong, so they are given harder tasks and stiffer punishments.

But the baby-faces do not have it all their own way. By the time they are 11 or so adults are so surprised and angry when their angelic-faced charges do misbehave that they punish them more severely. Interestingly, the punishment effect only applies when fathers are punishing daughters or mothers punishing sons. It has been suggested that this may explain why baby-faced children are less likely to be physically abused.



Baby-faced achievers: (clockwise from top left) Mickey Rooney; Kate Moss; Shirley Temple Black; Bill Clinton

And the expectations about baby-faces carry on into adult life. One of Dr Zebrowitz's most dramatic findings was the effect that having a baby-face had in a small claims court. When they were being sued for something they were supposed to have done intentionally, only 40 per cent of the most infantile-looking lost their case, as opposed to 90 per cent of those with the most mature features. On the other hand, the baby-faced were much more likely to lose negligence cases. "What is happening here", Dr Zebrowitz says, "is that the stereotype of the honest but rather incompetent baby-faced person is proving stronger than the evidence. Yet the people making the judgments have no idea of their prejudice."

However, while baby-faced criminals may gain the benefit of the doubt in the dock they are rarely seen presiding over a boardroom table. When it comes to jobs the baby-faced are more likely to be chosen when someone warm and responsive is needed — nursery teachers or counsellors — but when employers are looking for shrewdness and leadership they will go for mature-faced candidates with thick eyebrows, small eyes, high cheekbones and a broad chin. This is especially true when choosing between candidates with equally good qualifications for high-status jobs. "You could say that baby-faced people suffer job discrimination, like other minorities," Dr Zebrowitz says.

While baby-faced men and women are on equal footing when it comes to jobs and punishments, the romantic ground is less level. As is often the case, the difference comes down to power. Baby-faces are not seen as powerful, but they are seen as being good — honest, sincere and kind. The new man, if he was to be turned into a cartoon, would definitely have a baby-face, which is perhaps one reason why he has not proved to be a sexual hit. Male baby-faces, according to one study, are rated as "dateable", but not marriageable.

What women find attractive, say the psychologists, is the combination of the warmth and friendliness of the baby-face — big eyes, for example — plus signs of sexual maturity and power — high cheekbones and a broad chin.

Men, on the other hand, do not want powerful women, and a billion pound cosmetics industry is eloquent testimony to the strong allure of a female baby-face. Women who are rated as unattractive are seen as being more powerful than moderate or highly attractive women: for men it is just the opposite. This does not mean that women with the mature features of high cheekbones or an angular face cannot be

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attractive or that all baby-faces are attractive, it is just that a beautiful female baby-face does not suffer by being seen as less powerful.

The question no one can answer yet is whether baby-faces are likely to turn into their stereotypes. Are they more likely to be friendly and sincere, but rather naive? There is some evidence that this does happen in children. The attractive ones benefit from what is called a "halo effect": they are expected to be popular and competent, they are less severely punished and teachers regularly predict they will do better than their less-attractive classmates. What has been found is that while there is no difference between pretty and the plain three-year-olds, by five the less attractive ones have begun to live down to their expectations.

So it is possible that baby-faces, by being set less demanding tasks, will actually be less bright but, because they are punished less, will regard the world as a kinder place. Dr Zebrowitz hopes to uncover some pointers in her next study. Meanwhile, the calculating baby-faces might find their face is their fortune if they keep out of the professions and go for a life of crime.

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Who would print a transcript of an alleged conversation between the Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker-Bowles?

First past the tape



Front page news: after the Australian magazine New Idea (above) printed the full transcript of the tape recording, British editors have so far decided against publication

Publishers across the world are facing legal and ethical decisions about whether or not to publish the taped telephone conversation believed to be between the Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker-Bowles. Yet in some countries there have been no such qualms. In Germany and Austria, for instance, transcripts of the tape are easily obtainable.

The Germany daily tabloid *Bild*, which has a circulation of around 4.5 million, said it printed "every single word", while other papers printed extracts. The full text could also be read in Austria today in the German popular weekly magazine, *Bunte*.

It would take a brave editor to publish a full tape transcript on the day that the the Calcutt report on privacy and the press is released by the government. So who who in Britain will publish and who will not?

In Britain, the method used to obtain the recording is critical in deciding legality. Bugging telephone conversations intercepted on the public network is clearly illegal. A different piece of legislation, which covers mobile telephones (as in the "Parker-Bowles tape"), states that disclosure of information obtained by unauthorised means is also against the law.

Publication by newspapers and magazines of the contents of telephone calls obtained by any illegal bugging device is itself against the law. According to the voluntary newspaper code of practice, unauthorised intrusions into someone's privacy is only permitted in the public interest.

Kelvin MacKenzie, *editor of* The Sun *would not comment but the paper issued a short statement yesterday:*
"At present we have no plans to publish a full transcript of the Camilla tapes. We believe we have already printed enough to alert the public to an issue which has far-reaching consequences."

In a leader headed "Why today we gag ourselves" the paper said: "We're worried that we are being set up. Being given enough rope to hang ourselves. Wouldn't the Establishment just love that? It is an appalling state of affairs for any newspaper. But the furore over the Calcutt report, which would shackle the press, has pushed us into a corner... Today we ask if it is a coincidence that the Camillagate tape is published on the very day the Press strikes a telling blow for its freedom. Are we being manipulated by those with an axe to grind, just as we have been before? Maybe we are being too suspicious. But when the highest in the land lie and cheat, cuckold and plot, who can blame us?"

Martin Dunn, *editor of* Today:
"I have read the transcript and will not be publishing it. The climate is not right. The press has been under so much scrutiny and is continuing to be under so much scrutiny that to run a tape whose veracity we cannot check ourselves would be too risky."

Brian Hitchen, *editor of the* Daily Star:
"I have read the transcript and found it terribly offensive. I have no intention of inflicting this on our readers. If these tapes were authenticated — and unless I had them authenticated myself then I wouldn't be certain — I still wouldn't use them."

Peter Preston, *the editor of* The Guardian:
"I have read the transcript of the tapes and we will not be publishing them either now or, possibly, ever. We are not sure they are genuine. As a loyal member of the Press Complaints Commission — for which the code of practice has been changed to prevent bugging or the use of bugging except in a very limited way in the public interest — I am bound to say I am a bit stuck to find how the public interest can be served here. If Prince Charles were to announce that he would renounce his claim to the throne as a result of this, we might then *post hoc* do it in order to explain to our readers what it was all about. But not at this stage."

Matthew Symonds, deputy editor of *The Independent*:
"We are not going to publish it. I don't think our readers would necessarily admire us for doing it, even if 98 per cent of them probably want to know what it says.

"The decision is based partly on taste and partly on an ambiguity in the law. Assuming the tape was recorded by a scanner on a mobile phone, the law would prosecute the person who made the recording. The ambiguity is whether anyone using information on the tape could be sued.

"However we have not been prevented from publishing because we are frightened of the law. We just think our readers would not want us to do this. We are writing a leader exploring the difference between public interest and the interests of the public. There is a natural hypocrisy here, but for better or for worse we have decided not to publish the tape."

Andrew Neil, *editor of* The Sunday Times:
"I will make a decision on whether or not to publish when I know whether or not daily newspapers are publishing the full transcript. If we do publish, some of the conversation will have to be in a sanitised form.

"The whole thing is very messy and untidy. I remain uneasy because we are now back in the way things were in pre-Abdication days with a two-class information system. The London chattering classes have knowledge which the rest of the country does not have. I think, too, we are to some extent back in the *Spycatcher* situation where the rest of the world can read what is happening but in Britain we can't. The whole position leaves me very apprehensive about press freedom."

Donald Trelford, *editor of the* Observer:
"I have read the magazine transcript and hope that by Sunday the full text will already have been published in Britain by someone else. I would rather not face the decision and will be relieved if somebody else takes it out of my hands."

Patsy Chapman, *editor of the* News of the World:
"We would have published it. There are already a lot of faxes going round with the full text anyway and large chunks were read out on LBC. Why should some people know and others not? My young son heard it. You could tell they were more than just hunting and water-colouring friends. I think it's a bit academic now whether or not it should be published by a newspaper."

BRITISH MAGAZINES

Keith McNeill, *editor of* Woman's Own, *the woman's weekly magazine:*
"I have not read a full transcript, but it is now in the public domain: there are many, many, copies around on fax and on tape. What I have read is sexually explicit, I would think very long and very hard about publishing. I wouldn't be unhappy to do so. But there would be questions about where the tape came from.

"In *Woman's Own*, with the explicitness, I would be concerned, our readers would be as well. The tape would sadden a large proportion of the readers. But I do not believe in censorship."

Dominic Lawson, *the editor of* The Spectator, *the weekly news magazine:*
"I have read the transcript but would not publish it. Firstly, it is an appalling invasion of privacy — really disgusting — if it is true. The tape could well be stolen, and one would be in severe danger of handling stolen goods. Particularly if they have come out of Special Branch hands. I am sure that the Wireless and Telegraph Act must have been broken as well.

"How would you feel if it was done to someone you knew well? The tape does not constitute a great issue of state, there have been many kings in the past who have been adulterers. I do not think that diminished their right to be king. That is a spurious public interest argument: publication is purely to titilate.

"Also, the tape is four years old. You might have had an affair four years ago with someone you can hardly remember now. There is no evidence, as far as I am aware, that an affair is still going on.

"You cannot pretend that something hasn't happened once it has been published somewhere, but like the reporting of court cases — which are often bowdlerised in the papers — there is such a thing as public decency. I think it is an infringement of free speech when people cannot talk on the telephone. If Calcutt can protect free communication, which is now infringed by the press, I would have some sympathy."

Ian Hislop, *the editor of* Private Eye *the satirical fortnightly magazine:*
"I have not heard the tape but have seen extracts of the transcript. I am not sure if I would publish. I would have to hear the tape first, hear the tone of voice, and ask *Is it them?* There is a problem with authenticity, but I don't mind the legal implications if it is true. I'd want to know just how unfunny *that* joke is.

"I do not want to help either side in all this. Would you want to join in the biggest washing of public laundry of the decade? Both the Prince and Princess have been setting their detectives onto each other, or else it's the security services, who are the greatest buggers in the world, unloading the stuff. I would not want to be part of that either. You have to think very hard who is being used by who. The lesson is that the press is not an active agent."

Vicki Woods, *is editor of* Harpers & Queen, *the glossy monthly magazine with a large society element:*
"I have read a fax of the transcript and I would not publish it. "I don't think Harpers is the right organ, partly because if I were given a copy of the tape our lead times are so long. Secondly, I wouldn't publish on matters of taste. It is so juvenile, so embarrassing, something I wouldn't want my 15-year-old son to read. Which is not to say that I don't agree with its publication. I was waiting for it to appear in much the way it has: the same way as information came out during the abdication crisis.

"It is the impact of what the royal family's relationship with the press means that Harpers must address.

Maggie Goodman, *editor of* Hello!, *the weekly photo magazine:*
"I have not read the transcript but I would not publish it. It is just not the kind of thing we would do. It is a frightening thought that people cannot even make a phone call these days. I am lucky: I am not famous enough."

AUSTRALIA

In Australia it is an offence under the Australia Telecommunications (Interception) Act for a person to intercept a communication passing over a telecommunication system within the country. It is also an offence to communicate to another person, make use of or make a recording of such a communication. Therefore, any communication made outside Australia would not be covered by the law.

Sean O'Connor, *the night editor of* The Age, *Melbourne's eminently respectable and politically correct broadsheet:*
"I haven't heard the tapes. We're certainly running the story but we have edited the excerpts from *New Idea* as a matter of taste. We would never have run the lot.

"The general feeling here is that it's intriguing and fascinating but, for the first time, things may have gone a little over the edge. I think people will be disappointed with the contents, all the grotty details of what Prince Charles said.

"The thrust of our story is the fuss it's causing. The legal position here is that you have to get special permission through the courts to tape private conversations or have permission of the interviewee. Whether you can publish or not is a murky area."

Chris Mitchell, *the editor of* The Australian, *a quality broadsheet and the country's sole national newspaper:*
"We've seen the transcript and are running small excerpts. Had we been offered it exclusively, we probably wouldn't have printed the whole for reasons of space and newsworthiness.

"Our editorial today is about privacy and press regulators and we point out that libel laws here already provide sufficient protection for public figures, so much so that they are easily capable of abuse and can serve as de facto censorship.

"As far as this story goes, the lawyers couldn't find a problem with a tape taken abroad. Locally, it's illegal to record and illegal to publish private conversations without permission."

John Whistler, *the night editor of the* Adelaide Advertiser, *a popular broadsheet:*
"I haven't heard the tape but we're running excerpts from the transcript, not the lot — some of it is a little too offensive.

"If you're offered an exclusive I guess you have to consider it very carefully. *New Idea* decided to publish the entire transcript and I think they did the right thing. They had a linguistics experts to decide if it was genuine. It's a matter of judgment.

"It sounds to me like a pretty good yarn. We're going to splash with the damn thing. We're going to run with it today, the same as every other paper in Australia. Taping and publishing private conversations is illegal, but this tape coming out of England offers us a buffer zone."

David Watts, *the night editor of the middle-brow* Western Australian, *Perth's only daily newspaper:*
"I've read the transcript but haven't heard the tape. Whether or not we would have run with the lot if we'd been offered it first is tricky. Our policy is to be all things to all people. I personally would have. We're giving the stories 15 or 16 paragraphs and using only four paragraphs from the tape. We've left out some of it, but we've got a poster out on it."

In America it is a criminal offence under Federal law to eavesdrop on a private telephone conversation and then disclose the content of the conversation; punishment is mostly in the form of fine. It is not an offence to publish the tapes, only to make them.

Arthur Browne, *the managing editor of the* Daily News, *a New York tabloid which printed part of the Camilla Parker-Bowles tapes:*
"I've seen the full transcript of the tapes from *New Idea* magazine. From a distance, there's a great interest in the royal family and their escapades, and it is not often you get to look at the intimate lives of such exalted persons, so we decided to publish. We took out some stuff strictly for taste reasons. There's not much that was left to the imagination in what we published."

Maynard Parker, *the editor of* Newsweek *magazine:*
"I have not seen a transcript, but hypothetically, my general view is it's better to know than not to know. Depending on how the tapes were obtained, and how newsworthy they were, my inclination would be to publish. This is a family magazine, so we would not publish gratuitous obscenity."

Len Downie, *the editor of* The Washington Post, *a quality broadsheet:*
"I have not seen the details yet, so I don't know what we're going to do. From a legal point of view in these cases, I'm chary about breaking the wiretap laws, and from an ethical point of view, the interest in publishing would have to outweigh the invasion of privacy.

"It's hard to weigh public interest in doing this to the royal family. If it was the president it might have implications about his character in a election, or national security implications."

Kurt Anderson, *the editor of* Spy, *a national satirical magazine:*
"I've read the transcript, and I'd have absolutely no qualms about publishing. I wouldn't worry about invading privacy, and I wouldn't worry on royal grounds. I'd only remove something if I thought it would really offend our readers."

IN FRANCE, the taping of private telephone calls and their publication could both be interpreted by the courts as an invasion of privacy under the law which protects people's private lives.

Damages awarded in such cases have been extremely low by comparison with British libel awards, and occasionally have sought merely to restore the honour of the person who was wronged by fining the guilty publication a single symbolic franc.

Yvan Rioufol, *a senior editor of the respected, right-wing daily,* Le Figaro:
"I do not have a copy of the tape, nor have I read a transcript. My journalist in London is making do with what is available in the British press to do a story about reaction there.

"When I see the transcript, I will decide what to do with it, but if it's too vulgar, there's no way it will get in the paper. Recording phone calls is against the law in France and, personally, I take a very dim view of it. Even if it wasn't illegal, we wouldn't do it."

Charles Vial, *the news editor of* Le Monde, *the respected independent national daily:*
"I do not have a copy of the tape, have not seen the transcript and am not particularly interested in doing so.

"It's not really our sort of thing, you know. Our journalists haven't been following the story — I don't think we'd be interested. That sort of thing is for *France-Soir*."

Jean-Michel Brijouleix, *the social editor of* France-Soir, *a daily newspaper that recently has moved closer to Britain's tabloid-style of reporting:* "We have a transcript of the tape, and we will be publishing extracts. I don't want to get down too low, or make it repulsive for the readers, but it does, after all, concern the future king of England, so it is news.

"I'm going to make sure we cut out the most 'porno' bits, but I will make sure to leave in some spicy stuff."

Didier Rapaud, *the news editor of* Paris Match, *the glossy French magazine that often breaks stories about the Monaco royal family, and which published the infamous compromising photographs of the Duchess of York:*
"I have not got a copy of the tape, or of the transcript. We come out today, so it's too late to get anything in about the tapes anyway.

"I gather that a German magazine is going to publish most of the transcript today. Of course, we'll be following the story very closely, and we'll have an article about the fall-out in next week's magazine," he said.

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■ It would be a harsh world if we always told the truth and *never used euphemisms*

What this government lacks, as well as elementary competence and style, is someone with a way with words. O for a bite of sharp-toothed rhetoric instead of timeshare-hustler's gush and blabber. For instance, the trick with taxes is to put them up without the taxed noticing, or, as Louis XIV's finance minister put it, to pluck the most feathers from the geese with the minimum of hissing. It has become a jungle taboo for the right that direct taxes should never be raised.

But with fiscal policy what comes down must sometimes go up. So, the costive wordsmiths at the Treasury are exercised about what to call the increase in taxes needed to cut back the swelling public sector deficit. The trick would be to find a soothing name to call it that would not outrage the taxpayers. Politics is the art of euphemism and rhetoric, as well as the art of the possible. You could write a monograph on the history of taxation around the continual search for a friendlier name for the process of removing money from the citizens, who are always going to feel that their tax is as high as an elephant's eye, whether it is described as tariff, levy, duty, rate, indulgence, ship money or Peter's pence.

The community charge was an official euphemism that was trumped by the blunt precision of poll tax, a phrase that went back six centuries, when it had been equally effective at annoying the peasants of those days. VAT sounds as friendly as a brand of whisky, and national insurance contribution sounds like a voluntary charitable donation. In Athens of the golden age, the taxpayer saw the tax he got for his drachs by being made captain of the warship or producer of the tragedy he was paying for.

Taxpayers are not as bewildered as shorn sheep, and notice deductions from their pay packets, call them redistribution of wealth or whatever grand name you choose. A new gambit might be to avoid periphrasis and call it tax, in the romantic belief that voters are not as silly or as selfish as supposed. As the proverb says, tell the truth, but then leave immediately afterwards. It is the notion of leaving immediately afterwards that frightens the politicians.

It is easy to laugh at euphemism. A lot of it is prudery, hypocrisy and false refinement, such as makes us call a couch potato a television critic. As a young man, Winston Churchill was entertained at a buffet lunch, where rubber chicken was served. He went back for a second helping, and asked: "Can I please have some breast?" This was in the American Deep South, and the hostess was as shocked as the Victorian middle-class affected to be by any reference to breasts. She said: "Mr Churchill, in this country we ask for white meat or dark meat." Churchill apologised profusely. The following morning, the lady received a magnificent orchid from her guest of honour. The accompanying card read: "I would be most obliged if you would pin this on your white meat." Churchill was, among other things, a master of euphemism, and the other tricks of the rhetoric game, which is politics.

The sack is another topic that we skirt delicately around, with euphemisms such as: "I am afraid we shall have to let you go." The BBC illustrated the verbal cosmetics when it stated that the proposals included "losing about 1,500 permanent and temporary posts". In this department of the great hypocrisy factory, a useful new tool is rationalisation, as in, "The number of employees has been rationalised." The result is the same, but a bit of euphemism saves face. "And so now they sacked you?" Indignantly: "Who said they had?" "I thought you said something about being made redundant."

It would be a harsh world if everybody told the whole truth all the time, without the social politeness we use to cover up our inner shames and anxieties and feelings. The lingua non franca of euphemism is particularly favoured by governments and other institutions that court popularity, and try to present the handsomest possible images of themselves to the world. None of us could survive a day without euphemism. But we need to listen to politicians and read newspapers with narrowed eyes, on the lookout for the soothing soap.



RIDING INTO THE SUNSET

New age of the barbarian

The Bosnians believe that our inaction has allowed an act of tribal genocide to take place in the heart of Europe

William Rees-Mogg

Over Christmas I was asked by a group called Action for Bosnia — to which I am not connected — to host a dinner in January for some London political and diplomatic figures to meet Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian foreign minister. The dinner took place on Tuesday night, the evening of the apparent breakthrough at Geneva. There is still a long way to go before peace is achieved, as the loss yesterday of a British soldier shows. Mr Silajdzic arrived from Geneva on the late flight, and had just heard some of the latest news as he arrived at our house.

Mr Silajdzic is a young man, with intense dark looks. He leaves somewhat the same physical impression as David Owen, now Lord Owen, the co-chairman of the peace conference, did when he was a young foreign minister in the later 1970s. He is softly spoken, but there is an emotional charge to what he has to say that is entirely understandable. He is a spokesman for the terrible sufferings of his nation. The Foreign Office think that he is too emotional for a foreign minister. I think they are wrong: if the condition of Bosnia does not justify passionate feeling, what could?

Certainly what he has to say offers no comfort for Britain. He sees the war in Bosnia as caused by Serbian aggression, by the greater Serbian nationalism which turned first on Croatia and then on Bosnia, but he also intensely resents the failures of the West, of Europe, of the United Nations, and particularly of Britain.

He sees the UN policy of arms embargo as illegal and immoral, as refusing to allow an invaded county to buy equipment to defend itself against a fully armed aggressor, without stopping the aggression. He regards the repeated British declarations of non-intervention as having been an actual encouragement to the Serbian government. If we had nothing to say, he wishes we would have stayed silent. He also thinks that the British refusal to admit more than a handful of Bosnian refugees has been conspicuously mean.

We may be accustomed to thinking of the Bosnians as very unfortunate people whom we have been trying to help, both by supporting the UN relief effort and by sending and risking the lives of British troops. The Bosnians see the situation very differently. They see themselves as having been attacked by the Serbs while the rest of the world has been largely ignorant and indifferent; they consider that we have by our inaction allowed an act of tribal genocide to occur in the heart of Europe. Meeting Mr Silajdzic is like meeting a Czech official in the months after Munich; he feels that the people he represents have been betrayed.

He is less afraid of the immediate spread of the war into the rest of the Balkans, and more afraid it will prove the first of its kind in Europe as a whole, than I had expected. He does not think that peace in Bosnia, if it is achieved, will be followed by war in Kosovo. The Serbs already possess Kosovo. But he regards what has happened, and the way the world has reacted, as an ill omen for the future.

Bosnia is one of the meeting places of European cultures. It is the point at which the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Islamic traditions met and mixed. Historically Bosnia established a remarkable culture of coexistence, intermarriage and tolerance. In 1492, when the Jews were expelled from Spain, they were allowed into Bosnia — Henry VII did not allow them into Britain. Understandably Mr Silajdzic resents the British view that Bosnia is a more or less uncivilised place "down there". Of course our diplomacy knew little of Bosnia: the embassy was in Belgrade, we did not even have a consulate in Sarajevo.

The breakdown of a multicultural society was accompanied, in his view, by a resurgence of primitivism, the hatred of the tribe for the nation, the hatred of the peasant for the city. "It really has been", he said to me, "like the barbarians at the gates of Rome." And there has also been the rewarding of calculated aggression, of a deliberate Serbian government policy of murder and terror. These three factors of tribalism, primitivism and aggression, he sees as being widely distributed in Europe and in what was the Soviet Union.

He is afraid that Bosnia could set a pattern for other and similar disputes. Serbia is not, after all, a great power, and he does not regard the Serbs as being united behind the policy of aggression. It is 10 per cent who have caused the trouble. He does therefore want a Nuremberg process, to punish the criminals who are responsible for the deaths of 200,000 people in Bosnia, for the winter agony of 400,000 effective hostages in Sarajevo and for an even larger number of refugees.

For the present the peace process is going rather well. The Serbs have made some concessions, as have the Bosnians, and the scheme for a series of cantons in Bosnia has been accepted in principle by both sides. There are however two important conditions which have not yet been met. The first, which he regards as absolutely essential, is to bring heavy weapons under UN control. He is not yet sure that the Serbs will agree to that, and he regards it as the touchstone of their sincerity. Without it, the war will go on.

The second point is that while the principle of cantons has been agreed, though reluctantly on both sides, the actual boundaries of the cantons have not. One map might produce a genuine cantonal Bosnia, but another could lead rapidly to partition, which might suit both the Serbs and the Croats. Agreement on the detail will be at least as important and at least as difficult as agreement in principle. Bosnia may be nearer peace than a week ago, but there are still critical negotiations ahead, which could easily fail.

One of the new pressures on the Serbs is the prospect of the Clinton inauguration. Mr Silajdzic has already had two conversations with the incoming vice-president, Al Gore, whom he found remarkably well-informed, a man of his own generation, easier for him to deal with than the men of President Bush's generation. Another pressure is that the UN mandate in Croatia ends in April.

Serbia might have to face war on two fronts, with the rearmed Croats seeking to regain Croatian territory, and the Bosnians seeking to regain Bosnian territory, and could also face stronger action from the United States, with a younger and more self-confident president.

In the meantime, the people of Sarajevo and other cities are dying from the winter, from malnutrition and from shells. Both the parents of one of our guests on Tuesday evening had died there within the last month from cold and hunger. The suffering is terrible, and it has been caused by deliberate military action, by the sending of death squads, by ethnic cleansing, by the use of rape as an instrument of state policy. No doubt there have also been Croatian and Bosnian atrocities, but they have been a reaction to a war of greater Serbian conquest pursued by means of terror.

This is the Bosnian case, and it commands widespread support in the outside world. Indeed Serbia is becoming dangerously isolated. The European Community blames Serbia for invading Croatia and Bosnia with Serbian troops and with heavy arms. The United States is moving towards a more interventionist attitude, which will reinforce what the United Nations is doing. The Islamic world has been shocked by the casualties and rapes inflicted on an Islamic community.

Only in Russia, among extreme nationalists, is there sympathy for the Serbian position. There are only ten million Serbs, roughly the population of Belgium. The creation of a greater Serbia, by fighting most of their neighbours and alienating most of the world, is a suicidal venture, destined to damage Serbia's own future.

Yet the war in Bosnia has shown how dangerous tribal ambitions and hatreds are, how quickly ancient feuds can be reignited, how weak the world order is. No one enjoying the peace of the rest of Europe can avoid feeling ashamed at what the people of Bosnia are suffering. A recession is one thing; death by freezing, by starving, by gunfire is quite another. The disaster of Bosnia, like the famine in Somalia, may be the reason why there will be more intervention in the new world. The major powers, and particularly the United States, will be determined that Bosnia shall not be repeated.

Business as usual in Dublin

But Conor Cruise O'Brien warns of the violence ahead

Two things can safely be predicted about the Fianna Fail-Labour government formed in Dublin yesterday. It will last its full term of four to five years, and it will be securely dominated by Fianna Fail. Both the durability and the dominance will be due to one factor: now that it is in the coalition, Labour will be afraid to break it.

A poll published at the weekend showed that the Labour party leader, Dick Spring, is more popular than ever, at 60 per cent. That was the feature of the poll that attracted the most media attention. But the politicians are more interested in another poll finding, not much noticed by the media: 29 per cent of Labour supporters disapproved of the coalition. This suggests that, if Labour were to break with Fianna Fail and head for an early election, its representation in the new Dail would be reduced by about one third — from 33 to around 23.

On the other hand, if Labour stays the course, and is still allied to Fianna Fail when the general election comes round, it will benefit from Fianna Fail preferences under the Republic's system of proportional representation, and should end up in the high twenties. These things being so, the Fianna Fail-Labour alliance is likely to last into the next century.

The joint programme agreed between the two parties was Labour in rhetoric but will be worked in the spirit of Fianna Fail. The programme has a liberal ring promising removal of the constitutional ban on divorce and the decriminalisation of homosexuality. However, doubts about the liberalism of the new government are prompted by the fact that Harry Whelehan, the attorney-general involved in the case of the 14-year-old rape victim, stays on in his job.

Labour's influence in the coalition government is weakened by Mr Spring's strange choice of portfolio. He could have had the department of finance; instead he has chosen foreign affairs. What good this choice does to the cause of Labour is not easy to discern. There was once, but no longer is, a significant difference between Labour and Fianna Fail over Northern Ireland. Labour, before Mr Spring (and in my own time as Labour spokesman on Northern Ireland) was distinctly less nationalist than Fianna Fail, a difference symbolised by Labour's commitment to amend Articles 2 and 3 of the Republic's constitution (the Articles that implicitly lay claim to Northern Ireland). Mr Spring effectively buried that commitment.

He did so, characteristically, by reiterating it, in a speech which then recited all the customary nationalist objections to it, without attempting to answer any of them. That was the speech that put Labour on course towards coalition with Fianna Fail. Mr Spring will be indistinguishable from a Fianna Fail foreign minister.

The joint programme agreed between the two parties makes no mention of Articles 2 and 3, but expresses great eagerness for the resumption of the talks on the future of Northern Ireland. As there is no chance that Unionists will reach agreement with Dublin while Articles 2 and 3 remain unchanged, and no chance that this government will change them, the talks cannot possibly get anywhere. All the same, they will resume and proceed to go nowhere at great length, because the nationalist and unionist participants are both determined that the blame for the inevitable breakdown will fall on the other side.

On Northern Ireland the incoming government will take no new initiatives, but there may be developments which will compel it to react. Last year there was a shift in the pattern of violence in Northern Ireland — a shift which has attracted less attention, both in Britain and in the Republic, than it requires. For the first time since the Provisional IRA offensive campaign began in 1971, murders of Catholics by Protestants outnumbered murders of Protestants by Catholics. As a security source in Northern Ireland said last week: "It has been clear for some time that the loyalists are becoming more skilled, more competent, more determined and more ruthless." After some small fire-bombs had exploded inside the Republic before Christmas, a loyalist spokesman predicted: "1993 will be the year of the big bang."

From the point of view of citizens of the Republic, this may be the year in which political violence, as a matter of almost daily experience, ceases to be confined to "up there" and comes "down here". If so, it will not be long before the coalition government is using the machinery of the Anglo-Irish intergovernmental conference to demand the internment of paramilitaries in Northern Ireland.

I hope the British government will agree, provided that internment is simultaneously introduced in the Republic. Internment operated successfully on both sides of the border from 1957 to 1962, but has never done so since. It would give the security forces, both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic, a serious chance of defeating both sets of terrorists, instead of merely denying them victory.

None of that will happen, however, unless 1993 really is the year in which political violence moves from "up there" to "down here". Otherwise the endless futile quest for a non-existent political solution will continue and so also will the parallel tit-for-tat murder campaigns and other forms of atrocity.

Just a small cheque

IN THIS age of chequebook journalism it is intriguing to ask just how much the government will end up paying to curb what it considers the wilder excesses of Fleet Street. But despite the fact that the Calcutt report is being funded by government money, the Department of National Heritage is remarkably coy about how much it is paying Sir David for his investigation into press conduct.

Sir David, who is reputed to earn more than £100,000 a year, has been working on his report since September last year. It follows the 1990 report of the Committee on Privacy of which Sir David was chairman. The cost of that report is buried deep in the Home Office accounts for 1991, but according to one member it could not have been much. "We met in a spartan room and ate sandwiches."

For its money this time round, the government gets a hard-hitting 70 pages. But how much money? A spokesman for the national heritage department says: "The cost of the whole exercise will not be known for some time. We will publish it in our accounts but I am not prepared to speculate on the cost."

No matter how much he is being paid, it must still have been somewhat daunting for the QC and Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, to read in yesterday's newspapers that John Major had rejected the central plank of his report — a statutory press complaints tribunal headed by a judge with the power to impose heavy fines — before the rest of the world had even read it.

It is to be hoped that the market for heading government enquiries has not been affected by the recession to quite the same extent as the kiss-and-tell trade. Sally Ann Lasson is said to have been paid only £5,000 for her story of an alleged fling with Earl Spencer, the brother of the Princess of Wales. At the height of the boom she could have expected ten times that sum. These days a fling with a footballer can be worth only £500.

Chequebook journalism may not be what it was, but Sir David should be reassured. If he ever wants to tell the full story of his fight with Lord McGregor there should be no shortage of lucrative offers.

● *As fax machines between Sydney and London went into overdrive yesterday, the royal family was also the hot topic among financiers and monetary officials attending a G7 council meeting in Frankfurt. At a drinks party attended by both Sir Terence Burns, permanent secretary of the Treasury, and George Soros, whose Quantum Fund made billions betting against the pound on Black Wednesday, Soros was overheard admitting: "A few years ago Her Majesty bought a large holding in the Quantum Fund."*

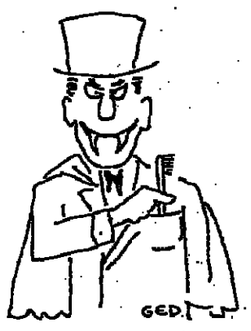
Whether the Queen had retained her stake, thereby profiting from the Treasury's very public humbling, Mr Soros was too discreet to say.

Lateral thinking

MATCHING film premieres to the appropriate charity — *Indochine* to Amnesty International, *Christopher Columbus* to the York Archaeological Trust — has advanced several steps laterally with the news that the Terrence Higgins Trust is to benefit from the premiere of *Bram Stoker's Dracula*.

The film, directed by Francis Ford Coppola, will premiere at the Odeon Leicester Square, London, on January 24 to an audience including Phil Collins, Bryan Ferry, Bob Geldof and Ned Sherrin. The Trust hopes to raise £20,000 from the sale of tickets to mark its tenth anniversary year.

Daryl Upsall, in charge of the Trust's fundraising, rebuffs ideas that the film's subject is a shade too gory to sit comfortably with the charity's aims. "At the time that *Dracula* was written, there was a lot of concern about sexually transmitted diseases. The film deals with passion and the transfer of blood turning a person into a vampire. HIV infection and Aids are primarily transmitted sexually. There are a lot of parallels."



Bracing invitation



● *Albert Roux, patron of Le Gavroche, is in generous mood. On Tuesday in his new gastronomic agony column in London's Evening Standard he was asked by a Mrs Walters what she should do with two unplucked pheasants and an unskinned hare. Roux's reply was, as they say, extremely well sauced. "My love, bring them to Gavroche at 3pm, then go shopping, take a bath, make yourself even more beautiful and return at 7.30pm, in time for pre-dinner drinks."*

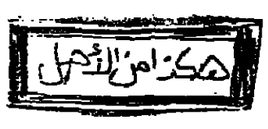
Roux insists that he stands by his offer. But it does not extend to just anyone who arrives at his restaurant clutching a brace of assorted game. "Obviously women are more welcome than men, and whether the meal would be free depends on how beautiful she is." Truly, these are difficult times for husbands.

Winds of change

VIRGINIA Bottomley's much vaunted public consultation exercise over the Tomlinson report, on the future of London's hospitals, hardly seems worth the paper it is written on. Bottomley, pictured on the front cover of the first issue of *London Health*, writes: "You can be sure that we are listening to what you have to say. Your input will help us to get it right." But someone has already got it wrong.

The newsletter, which highlights Tomlinson's main points, omits from its list and map of London hospitals both the Royal Marsden and Royal Brompton. Both, by coincidence of course, are on the Tomlinson hit-list.

Lord Stockton, the son of Harold Macmillan, who is presenting a 500,000-name petition to John Major at Downing Street today, is not impressed with the conspicuous omissions. Stockton, the main champion of the hospitals, says: "It is very sad if Virginia, of all members of the government, is trying to show that she is tougher than the rest of them." A spokesman for the health department says: "Nothing should be drawn from this." Pity nothing was drawn.



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FIRST WARNING

Iraq has been administered a spanking, not a beating

President Saddam Hussein deliberately and systematically provoked the renewed allied military action, launched over southern Iraq as night fell in the Gulf. If he intended no more than an escalation of Iraq's brinkmanship, a challenge on only one front would have sufficed. If he so misread American politics as to believe that he could exploit the interregnum between presidents Bush and Clinton to induce a relaxation of UN sanctions against Iraq, he should have been disabused some time ago by the careful dovetailing of their statements on the Gulf.

He miscalculated equally, if he intended a showdown with America, rather than the United Nations. By trumpeting its intention that Kuwait should "return to Iraq in defiance of the United Nations Security Council and America" yesterday, Iraq should once again have helped unite Arabs who were tempted to question the wisdom of allied military retaliation. Even more than Iraq's prohibited missile deployments, obstruction of UN inspections and repeated cross-border raids into Kuwaiti territory, this repeated claim to the emirate underlines the degree to which Iraq continues to be "a threat to international peace and security" in the terms of the UN Charter. Until Saddam renounces all claim to Kuwait, the Gulf war cannot be said to be over.

As the White House acknowledged, yesterday's action — confined to removing the threat to coalition aircraft policing the exclusion zone in southern Iraq — may not achieve the purpose of compelling Iraqi obedience to UN demands. Force, the only language Saddam understands, has been used with extreme discretion. It is unlikely severely to weaken his position. Iraq's people, trapped in a ruthless police state, are powerless. Saddam's cronies and senior military commanders must be convinced that Saddam's policy of continued confrontation carries intolerable costs.

There is a genuine risk that yesterday's military response will instead persuade them that the allies' bite is weak, justifying Saddam in his willingness to play Russian roulette. Ordinary Iraqis may, as Saddam hoped, be diverted from thinking about their desperate domestic situation as the second anniversary of the allied counter-attack to drive Iraq from Kuwait looms. The allied aim must be more ambitious: to underline Saddam's personal responsibility for his people's hardship.

This is no easy mission. Targets have to be selected with careful regard to civilian casualties. Yet the allies are aware that the destruction of a few elderly surface-to-air missile and radar systems in southern Iraq, the targets of last night's raid, will not cause Saddam or his commanders much loss of sleep. Iraq's military capability, still formidable despite the losses of the Gulf war, is barely affected by such pinpricks.

Within hours of the start of the allied operation Nizar Hamdoon, Iraq's envoy to the UN, said he had notified the president of the security council that Iraq would cease its incursions into Kuwait and would allow UN aircraft to fly its inspectors into Iraq. That is necessary but not sufficient to avert further allied military action. Before, during and after the Gulf war, Saddam attempted to divide the coalition by selective offers. What is required is meticulous and unconditional Iraqi compliance with every detail of all UN resolutions, without distinction.

A limited strike, a spanking rather than a beating, can be effective only as part of a new allied strategy of graduated military responses, clearly understood as such in Baghdad. In the wake of yesterday's raid, the White House announced the dispatch of American reinforcements to the Gulf. They may have to be used, more forcefully and without warning. Saddam has no record of responding to symbolic gestures.

TWO BUDGET YEAR

Consolidate the recovery in the March Budget

Deficits concentrate the mind. Treasury ministers were concentrating fiercely over the weekend about whether tax increases were necessary to bridge the gap between government revenue and spending. Yesterday a Treasury select committee report, critical of government economic policy, said taxes may have to rise unless Treasury forecasts of growth prove over-pessimistic.

They will almost certainly have to rise if the economy grows only by the projected 1 per cent this year. John Major is right in claiming that much of the deficit is cyclical — that is, caused by the recession. But he is wrong in believing that a recovery will therefore automatically shrink the deficit back to an acceptable size. The longer the recession lingers, the more the cyclical elements of the deficit turn into structural ones.

Several factors ensure that what happens to revenue and spending in recovery is no mirror image of what happens in recession. The wider the deficit, the larger is the accumulation of national debt. So future deficits will be enlarged by the interest payments due on debt taken out now. Then there is unemployment. In the recession of the early 1980s, though recovery began in 1982, unemployment did not start to fall until 1986, and that was after faster growth than is predicted this time. So spending on unemployment benefit will remain high.

Finally corporation tax receipts will take a long time to bounce back to pre-recession levels. Those companies that have gone bust will not recover, and the new businesses that spring up will take some years to be profitable enough to pay tax. So growth alone will not rid the government of its deficit or even bring it back to affordable levels. But nor will tax increases alone. Indeed in the short run, they would actually slow down recovery and possibly even worsen the deficit. While Mr Major's analysis may be faulty, his prescription — that taxes should not rise yet — is right.

Recovery in Britain is still too tentative to risk a tax increase. Twice before in this recession, signs of growth have appeared, and both times they have quickly evaporated because people have decided to pay off debt rather than spend money on consumption. The recent, fragile improvement in the economycould be dashed by a tax increase.

Timing is all. In the short term, the government needs to accelerate the process of recovery while recognising that eventually it will need to raise taxes and cut public spending further. To promote non-inflationary growth, the kick-start has to come now, with the reining-in later as inflationary pressures build up.

To make significant inroads into public spending, public-sector pay must be restrained and hitherto sacred government expenditure reconsidered. In that list could be included the taxation or targeting of universal benefits, cuts in defence spending, and the phasing-out of mortgage interest tax relief. Meanwhile the government is fortunate that there will be two budgets this year. They can be used to different ends. The March Budget should be aimed at consolidating the recovery so that the December Budget could more safely concern itself with tax rises and public spending cuts.

TRIAD TERROR

The police and Chinese community must defeat the gangs

As if the senseless violence in the Moss Side district of south Manchester were not enough, organised crime too is taking hold within the city, according to a bold television documentary broadcast on Tuesday night. The investigation by *The Cook Report* revealed the systematic extortion of shopkeepers and culminated in a brutal assault on a former Hong Kong policeman who is now in hiding from the triad gangs that preyed upon him.

British politicians have tended to be sanguine about this vicious freemasonry, which traces its roots and cabbalistic rituals back to a group of militant Shaolin monks in the 17th century, and takes its name from its threefold emblem depicting heaven, earth and man. Until recently, the names of triad groups — Wo Sing Wo, Sun Yee On, and 14K — seemed comfortably remote from the reality of urban life in this country.

Such complacency is no longer justified. Police estimate that there at least 500 triads already active in Britain and fear that the numbers may swell dramatically as the handover of Hong Kong in 1997 approaches. The existing groups, led by the Wo Sing Wo connection, are already branching out from petty theft, gambling and extortion rackets into drugs and prostitution. More alarmingly, there is evidence that Western gangs are being armed covertly from the Chinese army's surplus. Last year's remark by a Chinese minister — that the triads are "patriotic" — suggests that the rot is unlikely to be stopped at its oriental source.

Organised crime succeeds because it knits itself into the fabric of often beleaguered communities and exploits their suspicion of established authority. Policemen, moreover, will always be tempted to leave an ethnic group to its own devices, in the hope that its self-appointed criminal leaders will maintain some kind of primitive order. It is always the vulnerable who suffer when such corrupt (and volatile) understandings are reached.

Manchester politicians yesterday led an emotive call for the deportation of an alleged gang leader. But such a strategy is no strategy at all against a hydra-like organisation. The police must instead build on their success last year in persuading the first triad informant to testify in a British court case. The new criminal intelligence service NCIS, for example, will allow forces to pool their knowledge of organised crime. The probable advent of larger forces — predicted by Sir Peter Imbert, the retiring Metropolitan commissioner in *The Times* today — should assist national co-ordination of strategy.

But the battle against the triads will be won or lost on individual streets. The London Chinese liaison unit should be a model for other forces. Above all, the police must strive to recruit Chinese officers, cultivating a community that is as reluctant to become involved in policework as it is generally law-abiding. Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, should also explore ways of attracting experienced policemen from Hong Kong to this country, as has been done in the United States and Canada. The triad dragon is beginning to stir in the cities; only through joint action with the Chinese community will it be slain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A free press, personal privacy and statutory controls

From Mr Quentin Crewe

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's reasoned article about press intrusion (January 11) reminded me of an occasion when I was working for the *Sunday Mirror*. Soon after a royal wedding, a photographer brought in photographs, taken with a long lens, of the couple making love in some bushes. The thought of publishing the photographs never crossed the editor's mind. Nor would any other editor touch them.

I have no doubt that, today, several editors would put the pictures on the front page. The rules have changed, just as they have changed about truth. Last weekend produced a spate of lies or, at best, half-truths about the royal family that were later exposed as nonsense. It is not altogether surprising that members of the royal family may have adopted unsatisfactory methods, as revealed by Lord McGregor's letter, to cope with the squalid, mendacious bullying that has become commonplace.

The answer to the changing of the rules by the press, anyhow in royal matters, is not for a lot of dangerous limitations to be put upon newspapers, but for the royal family to change their rules.

There is no point in their trying to influence the press by planting stories, nor in their maintaining a supposedly dignified stance of silence. The law is available to them as it is to everybody. If what is printed is untrue, they should sue. They would win. The bullies would collapse. The public's admiration for a show of royal courage would restore much of the respect for monarchy that has been lost through muddled efforts to appease and persuade, or through too much politeness.

Yours faithfully,
QUENTIN CREWE,
7 Elizabeth Court,
Milman's Street, SW10.
January 12.

From Mr Richard Myers

Sir, It is not the press which has been manipulated by the Prince and Princess of Wales (report, January 13) but the public. Journalists presumably know what is happening when they receive a tip-off and could inform the public if they wished. The newspapers involved have therefore connived at the manipulation.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD MYERS,
11 Montana Road, SW20.
January 13.

From Mr Richard Stott

Sir, What a wonderful time for conspiracy theorists! Now even *The Times* is at it. Today you state with absolute assurance that the Prince Charles/Camilla Parker-Bowles taped telephone conversation was leaked to the *Daily Mirror* "by the Princess's friends".

Nothing so exotic. Nor does it fit so neatly into the timetable expounded by *The Times* today.

The *Mirror* had had the tape for almost three months before publication. It was offered to us at one of our branch offices and it was recorded by a very ordinary member of the public.

If you're looking for a plot you won't find it here. It's back to the drawing board, I'm afraid.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD STOTT
(Editor, *Daily Mirror*, 1985-9 and 1991-2),
20 Albany Park Road,
Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.
January 13.

From Dr John D. Baston

Sir, I would protest most strongly at any attempt to limit the freedom of the press. The powerful and the privileged should not be allowed to manipulate the ordinary citizen by censorship.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BASTON,
Farthings, Whiteparish,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
January 12.

From Mr A. T. Hoolahan, QC

Sir, Lord Rees-Mogg writes that there are three criteria proposed by Sir David Calcutt in relation to intrusive photography: that the picture is unauthorised, that it is taken on private property and in Britain.

But if an action for invasion of privacy were available here, such an action could be instituted here even if the act were committed abroad, provided that the defendant was within the jurisdiction and that the act constituting the invasion of privacy was actionable under the law of the foreign country (it is actionable, for example, in France). Since most of the present public concern does in fact arise out of invasions of privacy, it is difficult to understand why such an action is not introduced in this country.

Yours faithfully,
A. T. HOOLAHAN,
Fair Lawn, Ormond Avenue,
Richmond, Surrey.
January 12.

From Mr John A. Collard

Sir, Why should Lord Rees-Mogg assume that defining the criteria of a breach in any future law affecting intrusive photography should be beyond the wit of the parliamentary draftsman?

What makes him think that bugging by the state for reasons of national security could excuse bugging for commercial reward?

Why should he attribute the taping of royal conversations to MI5 when not even the type of telephone used is known?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN A. COLLARD,
16 Watchbell Street, Rye, East Sussex.
January 12.

From Mr Denis Meehan

Sir, Regrettably, it looks as if you may be right (leading article, January 13) and that "laws to protect privacy are much less likely now". The views of the legal establishment, which you report on the same day, are particularly significant: they seem to be unanimous that the most that should be attempted by way of reform is the creation of a tort of privacy.

This would of course suit members of the establishment (and rich villains) very well indeed; they will be able to afford the substantial cost of funding a civil action for invasion of privacy just as they can now afford the cost of libel actions. Either way, they will continue to use their wealth and influence to suppress news about themselves which may or may not be of public interest.

"Ordinary" members of the public who lack such wealth and influence will continue with impunity to be libelled and psychologically damaged in the pursuit of increased circulation and profits.

The way forward, I suggest, is not the creation of a tort of privacy nor the establishment of a statutory press tribunal, which would inevitably be regarded as an arm of the government of the day, but the enactment of a criminal offence of invasion of privacy, punishable in the extreme by imprisonment, but subject to a public-interest defence.

Forget the Prince and Princess of Wales — they can look after themselves. Consider the real victims.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS MEEHAN,
238 Upper Richmond Road,
Putney, SW15.
January 13.

From His Honour David Wild

Sir, The press must make up its mind. In libel cases it seeks the protection of judges against the alleged excesses of jury awards. But when it comes to controlling its own excesses the judges are "clapped-out", according to the editor of *The Sun* (report, January 11; letter, January 12).

Yours etc,
DAVID WILD,
The Savile Club, 69 Brook Street, W1.
January 12.

Steps to revive the housing market

From Professor Emeritus Colin Harbury

Sir, Many people must welcome pressures to encourage the rental housing market (letters, January 4). However, the focus has been on the abolition of mortgage interest relief, while there is a different and much neglected subsidy which deserves attention. This is capital gains tax exemption for owner-occupiers; and it is quite as distortive in its effects.

There is a special case for abolishing the exemption. House owners are experiencing capital losses, not gains, anyway. Indeed, if the government were brave enough to act immediately, and allow capital losses to be offset against other income, there could be an important and significant side-effect, which might even supply the kick-start for the economy that everyone is looking for.

Since 1988-9 capital gains tax has been treated as a branch of income tax. Why not go the whole hog and remove the distortion completely? The downward trend in house prices must be partly due to potential buyers fearing the trend will continue. If they were allowed to offset capital losses against other income the market might pick up (when, incidentally, the cost to the Exchequer would be minimal).

Yours faithfully,
C. D. HARBURY,
Bridge House, Pakenham,
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
January 4.

From Mr J. F. M. Pickthorn

Sir, Your report (January 7) that the prime minister is considering cash help for first-time buyers is surprising. The obvious lesson of the present housing debt problem is that encouraging people artificially to take on debt to buy their house in unwise.

At Christmas Sir George Young, Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, suggested (report, December 28) expanding the rented sector, which would obviously be much more appropriate to meeting current housing needs. Does the right arm connect to the left?

Yours faithfully,
J. F. M. PICKTHORN,
45 Ringmer Avenue, SW6.
January 8.

From Mr Adrian Cosker

Sir, You report that the government is thinking about giving grants to first-time house buyers. Unless a scheme is introduced with great rapidity, or it is announced that any such scheme will operate retrospectively, this will probably only make matters worse in the short term, because speculation about it will have the effect of causing those who might be about to buy to delay further for fear of losing out, just as they have been delaying up to now in anticipation of ever-lower prices.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN COSKER
(Head of Economics),
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January 7.

From Mr Eric Rattray

Sir, In looking at the ways of reviving the housing market, the priority and moral responsibility should be to assist the first-time buyer now trapped in property worth less than the mortgage.

Cash assistance for those unfortunates who cannot afford to move would probably kick-start the housing market better and release affordable housing to a new wave of first-time buyers, who should not be encouraged to take on debt they cannot afford.

Yours sincerely,
ERIC RATTRAY,
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Chesham, Buckinghamshire.
January 8.

A place for Latin

From Councillor Merrick Cockell

Sir, I was fascinated to read the comments attributed to Caroline Benn on the teaching of Latin at Holland Park School (Diary, January 9). The fact that Latin and other essential options are unavailable has nothing to do with the funding.

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea spends more in schools than almost any other authority, and Holland Park School has never been better resourced. The decision rests entirely with the governors and they could reintroduce the subject if they wished.

Whilst discussing our ten-point plan to raise educational standards, a teacher representative described Latin as being "quaint". We regard the root of our language as unworthy of such condescension.

It is a useful subject and a valuable discipline. We do not suggest that every child should learn Latin but it should be available, as should a second European language and indeed, science taught as separate subjects rather than as one.

We are often told that the national curriculum does not allow sufficient time in the school day. This is rubbish. If we are to attract pupils to our schools, we must offer the fullest choice. Only then will we truly stretch the intellect of the more able students as well as obtaining the best from the less able.

If this results in a longer school day, so be it.

Yours faithfully,
MERRICK COCKELL (Chairman),
Education and Libraries Committee,
The Town Hall, Kensington, W8.
January 11.

Museums policy

From the Director of the Museums & Galleries Commission

Sir, I agree with your leader about museums and galleries (January 5) that the creation of a Department of National Heritage provides the opportunity for the government to set out a national policy on museums.

However, the government should be mindful of the experience of other countries, where over-rigid classification and central control can all too easily stifle the flexibility and initiative which are the hallmarks of our best museums.

As the government's adviser, the Museums & Galleries Commission looks forward to assisting in the formulation of a national policy; our recent special report, *Museums Matter*, set out our view of the main priorities. We need to ensure that money going into museums is spent to good effect and to concentrate on looking after what we already have, rather than creating new museums.

An agreed policy framework would reduce the need for crises to be dealt with on an ad hoc basis, and help make optimum use of the new, but still limited, funds expected from the national lottery.

Securing the future of internationally important collections through endowments from the national lottery would be an imaginative and decisive step, for which our children and grandchildren would thank us.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LONGMAN,
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January 6.

Lower fees for girls

From Miss Ann Parkin

Sir, In determining why the fees at boys' schools are higher than those at comparable girls' schools (Education; January 11) there are two aspects to consider. Funding the resources needed is one issue; how the resources are managed is the other.

Research evidence clearly shows that many girls do succeed better in single-sex schools. As Anthea Saxon states, girls-only schools dominate the league tables. The recent HMI report on the preparation of girls for adult life emphasises the important contribution made by girls' schools in building the self-esteem and confidence of girls and comments favourably on the richness of the education provision in these schools. Proven success — and for lower fees!

I contend this is done through prudent use of resources. It would certainly not be possible with a mean and "penny-pinching" approach.

It would be strange if the number of girls in schools in the Headmasters' Conference and the Society of Headmasters and Headmistresses of Independent Schools did not show an increase; many of these schools are in the transition process of becoming co-educational, so the number of girls ought to be increasing as the year-by-year intake of girls grows.

Yours faithfully,
ANN PARKIN
(General Secretary),
Girls' Schools Association,
130 Regent Road, Leicester.

Plea-bargaining

From the Director of Victim Support

Sir, The question of plea-bargaining being considered by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice (report, January 2) is of interest to victims of crime as well as to offenders. As we have said in evidence to the commission, Victim Support receives frequent complaints that victims who have suffered a serious offence are distressed when the offender is convicted on a lesser charge, to which he has pleaded guilty.

Many victims would prefer the seriousness of the offence against them to be recognised by a plea of guilty to the full charge. A guilty plea could be recognised in the sentence, but it should not reduce the gravity of the offence as described in the charge. Any discount in sentence should be diminished for a last-minute plea of guilty, which leaves the victim anxiously awaiting the ordeal of giving evidence until just before the trial.

Yours sincerely,
HELEN REEVES,
Director, Victim Support,
Cranmer House,
39 Brixton Road, SW9.
January 4.

From Mr Alexander McCulloch

Sir, Your report indicates that the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice is to back a formal system of plea-bargaining in which the judge will tell the defendant his likely sentence discount if he pleaded guilty.

As a defence solicitor I routinely advise clients, first at the police station before interview, and then over the lengthy period leading to trial, of the potential benefit of a guilty plea in sentencing terms. In my view, therefore, a "sentence enquiry" stage, as apparently envisaged, would add nothing to advice which, in appropriate cases, defendants should already be receiving from their lawyers long before trial.

Yours sincerely,
A. S. McCULLOCH,
McCullochs (solicitors),
St Andrews House,
26 Brighton Road,
Crawley, West Sussex.
January 4.

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Normal service

From Mr John Hinze

Sir, Not every BR station had as straightforward a week between Christmas and New Year as Flitwick (letter, January 9). At Hassocks, the station car park is free on Saturdays and Sundays. Although the train service offered on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after Christmas was a Saturday service, in the car park these were weekdays and the usual daily fee of £1.50 was charged!

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HINZE,
12 West Street, Ditchling, Sussex.

Picky eaters

From Mr J. D. Pullan

Sir, Over Christmas I have as usual been eating tins of biscuits and boxes of chocolates. No matter who helps me, it is always the same biscuits and chocolates that are unpopular and are left uneaten.

Do the manufacturers have a Victorian attitude that one must have something nasty with something nice? Or have they never bothered to find out that some of their products are so boring that nobody likes them?

Yours faithfully,
J. D. PULLAN,
32 Twatling Road,
Barnt Green, Worcestershire.
January 11.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 13: The Duke of Edinburgh, International President, WWF — World Wide Fund for nature, and the Prince of Wales today visited Shetland and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Shetland (Mr Magnus Shearer).

Their Royal Highnesses were briefed on and viewed the work being undertaken to combat the oil spillage from the *Braer* and held discussions on the effect on the island with leaders of the community and other organisations.

Mr Hugh Merrill was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 13: The Prince Edward, President, the Lord's Taverners, this evening attended the Umpires' Dinner, the Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 13: The Princess of Wales today visited Preston and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lancashire (Mr Simon Towneley).

Her Royal Highness this morning visited St Catherine's Hospice, Lostock Hall. The Princess of Wales afterwards visited Leyland DAF Limited, Leyland Assembly Plant, Leyland.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Unit, Royal Preston Hospital, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood. Mrs James Lonsdale and Captain Edward Musto RM were in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, Order of St John, this afternoon conducted an Investiture of Lord Remnant as Bailiff Grand Cross, and subsequently Installed Lord Remnant as Bailiff *of Egle at the Grand Priory* Church, Clerkenwell, London EC1. Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
January 13: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this afternoon visited Helen House Hospice, 37 Leopold Street, Oxford. Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will open the national conference on the Project for the Refugee Communities in Birmingham at Bournville College of Further Education, Bristol Road, South Birmingham, at 10.35; will open the new development at *New Cross Hospital* site, Wolverhampton, at 1.50; and will visit the Edward Street Hospital for the Elderly at Sandwell at 12.40.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the Institute of Export, will open the Europe Day conference at the Carnatic Hall, Liverpool University, at 10.55; will visit the new school of health science, within the faculty of medicine at 11.50; will open the Peter Moores' wing of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society's Hall at 12.50; and will visit Seymour Terrace office development, *Liverpool*, at 2.25. Later he will attend the Michael Faraday lecture at the Royal Society at 5.30.

School announcement

Windlesham House

Charles and Elizabeth Ann Malden will retire in April 1994 from Windlesham House and the Governors are pleased to announce the appointment, as Joint Heads, from the Summer Term 1994, of Ian and Margaret Angus.

Ian Angus is Headmaster of Orwell Park, Ipswich, Suffolk, and his wife, Margaret, was formerly Headmistress of St. Felix, Southwold, Suffolk.

Lecture

Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Trust and Trinity College, Cambridge

Professor Amartya Sen, FBA (Lamont University Professor, Harvard University) will deliver the 16th Nehru Memorial Lecture on "The Idea of India" on Friday, February 5, 1993, at 6pm in the Winstanley Lecture Hall, Trinity College, Cambridge.

The Lecture is open to all.

Memorial Service

Professor H.L.A. Hart

A memorial ceremony in honour of Herbert Hart will be held in the Examination Schools, Oxford, on Saturday, February 6, at 2.30pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B.W.F. Adeney and Miss S.L. Rabin

The engagement is announced between Benjamin William Field, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Adeney, of Blandford, Somerset, and Sara Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian D. Rabin, of Ermington, Devon.

***Mr C.E.H. Alcock* and Miss M.L. Boselli**

The engagement is announced between Charles Edward Hayes, son of Major and Mrs Dennis Alcock, of Great Cheverell, Wiltshire, and *Maria Luisa (Marisa)*, eldest daughter of Professore and Signora Carlo Boselli, of Gibraltar.

Mr J.R.M. Anderson and Miss A.K. Genske

The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr Michael Anderson, of Dorset, and Mrs David Part, of London, and Ana, daughter of *Mr William Genske*, of Marbella, and Mrs Jeremy Williams, of Alhaurin El Grande, Spain.

Mr M. Aristotelous and Miss E.C. Haines

The engagement is announced between Marcos, second son of Mr and Mrs C. Aristotelous, of *London, and Emily*, youngest daughter of Dr A.J. Haines, also of London and the late Pamela Haines.

Mr J.P. Bailey and Miss J.R.E. Macdonald

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Bailey, of *Combe Down, Bath, and Jane*, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Macdonald, of Solihull, West Midlands.

Captain T.W. Gray and Miss A.C. John

The engagement is announced between Toby William Gray, Coldstream Guards, younger son of Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, and Mrs Gray, of Lebberston, North Yorkshire, and Andrea Corinne, elder *daughter of Dr and Mrs Phillip* John, of Juniper Green, Edinburgh.

Mr A.D.J.B. Collins and Miss C.M. Braine

The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of Prebendary J.T.C.B. and Mrs Collins, of Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, and *Caroline, elder daughter of* Mr and Mrs R.M.A. Braine, of Chelsea, London.

Mr M.A. Daly and Miss O.M. Frith

The engagement is announced between Mark Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs Francis Daly, of Clarkston, Glasgow, and Olivia Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan Frith, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.P. Riley and Miss J.L. McNair

The engagement is announced between Meredith, son of Mr John Riley and the late Mrs Lorna Riley, of Little Kingshill, Buckinghamshire, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs *Robert McNair*, of Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Mr M.J.A. Bacon and Miss J.M. Miskin

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Bacon, of Tunbridge Wells, and Jennifer, younger daughter of *Mr and Mrs George Miskin*, of Tilford, Surrey.

Mr C.N.B. Brown and Miss L.J. Rosorea

The engagement is announced between *Christopher, eldest son of* Mr and Mrs F.E.B. Brown, of Oxford, and Laraine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Rosorea, of Bermuda.

Mr A.R. Davidson and *Miss J.L. Mercer*

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Davidson, of Abingdon, Oxon, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Mercer, of Arundel, West Sussex.

Mr H. Fox and Miss A.M. Fairbairn

The engagement is announced between Harry Fox, of St John's Wood Park, London, and Anne Fairbairn, of Coburg Close, London.

***Mr A.F.S. Haynes* and Miss J.E. Bridgman**

The engagement is announced *between Alasdair, younger son of* Mr and Mrs Norman Haynes, of London, SW6, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Bridgman, of Meopham, Kent.

Mr R.P.T. Howe and Miss R. Albano

The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs Colin Howe, and Rose, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Archangelo Albano, of *Hamilton, Canada*.

Mr C.R.M. Luff and Miss C.S. Dean

The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs R.G.M. Luff, of Alcalai, Spain, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs K.T. Dean, of Guildford.

Mr J.D.G. Morris and Miss C.E.J. Sykes

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Morris, of Sherborne, Gloucestershire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Allen Sykes, of Fetcham, Surrey.

Mr T.R. Hull and Miss G.L. Gardiner

The engagement is announced between Thomas Richard, son of Mr Christopher Hull and the late Mrs Cecilia Hull, of London, and Gillian Louise, daughter of Dr Douglas Gardiner and Mrs Helen Sciba and stepdaughter of Mr Robert Sciba, of London.

Lieutenant W.M.A. Moore and Miss C.L. James

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Warwick *Moore, The Blues and Royals, son* of Mr and Mrs A.H.P. Moore, of West Chiltington, West Sussex, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.P. James, of Wimborne, Dorset.

Mr G.C.G. Neville and Miss D.M. Nuthall

The engagement is announced between Giles, younger son of Air Commodore and Mrs Christopher Neville, of Ottery St Mary, Devon, and Danielle, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Nuthall, of Binalong, New South Wales, Australia.

Mr R.A. Newman *and the Hon Georgina Catto*

The engagement is announced between Robert Alistair, elder son of *Mr and Mrs Alistair Newman*, of Sutton Green, Guildford, and Georgina Lucinda Gordon, *daughter of Lord and Lady Catto*, of Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire.

Mr D.W. Roberts and Miss T.J. Charlton-Jones

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Roberts, of Millfields House, Chevington, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Tiffany, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B.C. Charlton-Jones, of Park Gate House, Wickhambrook, Newmarket, Suffolk.

Mr T.N. Rudd and Miss D-E. Späth

The engagement is announced between Timothy Nigel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.N.R. Rudd, of Shirley House, Shirley, Derbyshire, and Dawn-Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Mr J.C. Robinson and of Mrs Victoria Anne *Sims-Pearce*, of 'Little Croft', Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.

***Mr J. de H.D. Veale* and Miss S.C. Fooks**

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Dr and Mrs Michael Veale, of Meysey Hampton, Gloucestershire, and *Sarah*, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs Henry Fooks, of Eyke, Suffolk.

Mr M.J. Smith and Miss Y. Maxtone Graham

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs David Smith, of Keyworth, Nottinghamshire, and Ysenda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Maxtone Graham, of Sandwich, Kent.

Marriages

Commander D.M.A. Howard, RN and Mrs E.J. Turner

The marriage took place on December 29, 1992, between Commander David Howard and Mrs Elizabeth Turner.

Mr J.A. Watkins and Miss L.D. Cattermole

A Service of Blessing was held on *Saturday, January 9*, in St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, after the marriage of Mr James Watkins, younger son of Mr and Mrs W.A. Watkins, of York, to Miss Lisa Cattermole, only daughter of Mr and Mrs George Cattermole, of Chelmsford. The Dean of Hong Kong, the Very Rev C.J. Phillips, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Philippa Watkins and Victoria Watkins and Eloise Stevens. Mr David Hudd was best man.

A reception was held at The Verandah, Repulse Bay, and the honeymoon is being spent in Sri Lanka and India.

Birthdays today

Captain Sir Alastair Aird, royal equerry, 62; Professor Sir Melville Arnott, cardiologist, 84; *Mr Peter* Barkworth, actor, 64; Mr Richard Briers, actor, 59; Baroness Brooke of Ystradfellte, 85; *Lord Catto*, 70; the Earl of Drogheda, 56; Miss Faye Dunaway, actress, 52; Mr *Simon Fielding, chairman*, General Council and Register of Osteopaths, 40; Miss Maina Gielgud, *ballerina*, 48.

Miss Andrée Grenfell, former managing director, Glemby International, 53; *Sir Arthur* Hoole, former president, Law Society, 69; Professor Sir Hans Kornberg, master, Christ's College, Cambridge, 65; Mr Warren Mitchell, actor, 67; Mr Trevor Nunn, the*atre director*, 53; *Sir Neil Pritch*ard, diplomat, 82; Mr C.R. Reeves, banker, 57; Sir Vernon Seccombe, chairman, Plymouth Health Authority, 65; Mrs Hazel Williamson, QC, 46; Sir John Woodcock, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, 61.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Biddle, unitarian, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, baptised this day, 1615; Benedict Arnold, American gen*eral and traitor*, Connecticut, 1741; Matthew Maury, hydrographer, Spotsylvania, Virginia, 1806; Henri Fantin-Latour, painter, Grenoble, 1836; Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, Brixton, London, 1847; Pierre Loti, novelist, Rochefort, France, 1850; John Dos Passos, novelist, Chicago, 1896; Albert Schweitzer, doctor, musician and missionary, Kaysenberg, France, 1875; Sir Cecil Beaton, photographer, London, 1904; Yukio Mishima, writer, Tokyo, 1925.

DEATHS: Edmond Halley, astronomer, London, 1742; George Berkeley, philosopher and Bishop of Cloyne 1734-53, Oxford, 1753; Samuel Spalding, philosopher, *Cape of Good Hope*, 1843; Jean Ingres, painter, Paris, 1867; Henry Edward Manning, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster 1865-92, London, 1892; Lewis Carroll (pseudonym of Charles Dodgson), writer, Guildford, Surrey, 1898; Humphrey Bogart, actor, Hollywood, 1957; Anthony Eden, 1st Earl of Avon, Prime Minister 1955-57, Salisbury, 1977; Peter Finch, actor, Los Angeles, 1977.

The last London Frost Fair was held, 1814.

The first demonstration of Alexander Graham Bell's telephone was to Queen Victoria at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, 1878.

Dinners

United and Cecil Club

Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, Secretary of State for the Home Department, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the United and Cecil Club held last night at the House of Commons, by courtesy of Mr Sydney Chapman, MP. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, chairman, presided and Mr Thomas Whipham also spoke.

Woolmen's Company

Mr Barry *H.* Jefferson, Master of the Woolmen's Company, presided at a livery dinner held last night at Painters' Hall. Judge Richard Cole, Master of the Upholders' Company, and Mr John J.W. Barrett also spoke. Among those present were:
The Upper Bailiff of the Weavers' Company, the Master of the Engineers' Company, the Master of the *Arbitrators' Company*, the President of the Confederation of British Wool Textiles and the Director of the Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives.

Luncheons

Royal Aeronautical Society

Air Marshal Sir Frank Holroyd, *President of the Royal Aeronauti*cal Society, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 4 Hamilton Place. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, was the principal guest and speaker. Mr Ron Kennett, director of the society, also spoke. Among those present were:
The Hon Archie Hamilton, MP, Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brendan Jackson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight, Air Marshal Sir Michael Alcock, Air Marshal Sir Barry Duxbury, Sir Alan Thomas, Mr Norman Barber, Mr Malcolm Bates, Mr John Chisholm, Mr Michael Cobham, Mr Colin Cocks, Mr Richard Evans, Mr David Fletcher, Mr Colin Green, Mr Michael Marshall, Dr Malcolm McIntosh, Dr Geoff Pope, Mr John Sandford, Mr *Donald Spiers*, Mr John Weston and Mr Gordon Williams.

Crown Estate

The Earl of Mansfield, First Crown Estate Commissioner, Mr Christopher Howes, Second Crown Estate Commissioner, and Commissioners Mr Richard Caws, Mr George Lillingston, Mr Phillip Sober and Mr Jimmy James, were hosts at luncheon yesterday at 16 Carlton House Terrace. Among the guests were:
Lord Wakeham, Sir Robert Fellowes, Miss Barbara Young, *Mr David Sainsbury*, Mr David Landale, Mr Ian Farnsworth and Councillor David Williams.

Reception

International Council of Christians and Jews

The Right Rev Lord Coggan, Honorary President of the Council of Christians and Jews, presented the Interfaith Medallion to the Most Rev Luigi Barbarito at a reception held yesterday at the Apostolic Nunciature. Sir Sigmund Sternberg, chairman of the executive committee, presided. *His Honour* Israel Finestein, QC, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, also spoke.

Service dinner

Blake Term 1933-1936

Vice-Admiral Sir John Roxburgh presided at a dinner held last night at the Army and Navy Club to mark the 60th anniversary of the Blake Term *1933-1936*, *Royal* Naval College, Dartmouth. Admiral Sir William O'Brien was the guest.

Appointments

Commodore Antony Dennis Barrett, Colonel Neil Anthony Johnson and Colonel Stephen Anthony Sellon to be Deputy Lieutenants for Greater London.

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Constantly ask God's help in prayer, and pray always in *the power of the Spirit. To* this end keep watch and preserve, always interceding for all God's people.
Ephesians 6 : 18

BIRTHS

ALLEN - See Morgan.

BAKER - On January 12th, to Melinda and Jonathon, a son.

BEACH - On January 6th, to Louise (née Somerset) and John, a son, Charles Thomas Fitzroy, a brother for *Georgie*.

CARNEGIE - On January 4th 1993, in Aberdeen, to Susie (née Butler) and Jocelyn, a daughter, Cecilia Diana Catriona Peart.

***COOKE** - On January 12th*, to Miranda and Hugh, a daughter, Alice Caroline, a sister for Charlotte, Victoria and James.

CRAWFORD - On January 11th, to Alison (née Rose) and Neil, a son, Alexander *Charles Ross*.

GLAISTER - On January 11th to Veréna (née O'Flaherty) and Edmund, a son, Thomas Michael Constantine, a brother for Emma and Rosie.

GRAY - On January 12th, to Nicky *(née Cheales)* and David, a daughter, Molly Ann Flora.

GRIGGS - On January 10th, to Lizzie (née Petrie) and Simon a daughter, Tiffany Alice.

HAYES - On January 10th, to *Jacqui (née Ford)* and Patrick, a son, Samuel John Sutherland.

***HILL** - On January 10th, to* Alex (née Nettelfield) and Jonathan, a daughter Harriet Victoria, a sister for Georgia.

LAWRENCE - On January 12th 1993, at Queen Charlotte's, London, to Victoria (née Russell) and Steve, a son, Edward Wycliffe, a brother for Tom.

MARGETSON - On 13th January, to Sue (Fair) and *Graham*, a lovely daughter, Helen Louise.

MARTIN SMITH - On January 10th, to Sally Anne *(née Mossop) and Jonathan*, a daughter

MORGAN - On January 12th, to Gina and Nick, a daughter, Siân Natasha, a sister for Rachael.

PILKINGTON - On 11th *January, in London, to* Caroline (née Talbot-Ponsonby) and Patrick, a son, Jack (John) Nigel, a brother for Hubert.

PORTEOUS - On 6th January 1993, to Matthew and Briaget (née Beevor), a daughter, Elizabeth Clare Mary.

RUSSELL - See Lawrence.

SCOTT - On Saturday *January 9th 1993* at the Countess of Chester Hospital, to Nathalie (née Brown) and Robert, a son, Benjamin *Edward, a brother for* William.

SHOWLER - On January 3rd, to Justine (née Stringer) and Simon, a daughter, Lauren Rachel, 7lbs 13oz.

WILLIAMS - On January 13th, to Susan (Austin) and Russell, a son, Samuel Austin.

DEATHS

ANSCOMBE - On January 12th 1993, Lt. Col. Gilbert Eric, M.C., R.A. (Retd). Subsequently of Shell in Zimbabwe, widower of Phyllis, sadly missed by Daphne, Brian and their families and by Joan Lester and her family among who he had lived for the past 15 years. All friends welcome at St John's Crematorium, Woking, on Wednesday 20th January at 11 am and afterwards at home. No flowers, but donations if wished to Royal Star and Garter Hospital, Richmond Hill, Surrey.

BARBER - Victoria Elizabeth (Viki) née Litzinger, born Philadelphia, U.S.A. 6th September 1944, died 12th January 1993 at her home Knocksharry House, Peel, *Isle of Man. Loving wife of* Colin and devoted mother of Colin Jnr. Service will take place at home address at 2pm on Friday 15th January, followed by burial at Peel Cemetery at 3 pm. Flowers if so desired or donations in lieu to The Hammersmith Cancer Centre Appeal, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, Du Cane Road, London W12 0NN. Enquiries please to *David Lancaster* (Funeral Directors), Derby Drive, Peel, Isle of Man, tel: (0624) 842945.

BIRCH - On 12th January 1993, peacefully at Suddon House Nursing Home, Wincanton, John Pryor, *formerly of the Colonial* Administrative Service, Uganda. Dearly loved husband of Heather, father *of Marian and the late* Richard and grandfather. Private cremation at his request. No flowers please but, if desired, donations to Age Concern Wiltshire, 16 Market Place, Devizes.

BROWN - On January 12th 1993, peacefully, Dr. Victoria Marjorie (née Robinson) at Sefton Hall, Dawlish, formerly of Chudleigh and also of Flete, Ermington, Devon, in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of the late George and much *loved mother of Michael and* Gina and devoted grandmother of Julian, Jeremy, Hugo and James. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at Chudleigh Parish Church on Wednesday January 20th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Sydney Cumier & Son, Arncott House, Chudleigh. (0626) 852162.

BUTSON - On January 10th 1993 peacefully in Worthing Hospital, Horace Edward, aged 92 years of Pentlands Nursing Home, Worthing, late of Hove. Former Head of Westminster Bank Trustee Department, Lothbury, London. *Service* at Worthing Crematorium Wednesday January 20th at 3.20 pm. Flowers or donations for R.N.I.D. or Greater London Fund for the Blind, may be sent to H.D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing. Tel: 0903 234516

BUXTON - On 12th January, peacefully in Hobart, Tasmania, Patrick James Buxton aged 86 years. Beloved husband of June and loving father of Michael and Lucinda.

CARTWRIGHT - Dr Hugh. Formerly of Ilminster, peacefully at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, on 12th January 1993, aged 86 *years. Dearly loved father of* Hugh and Margaret and much loved grandfather of Catherine, Susie, Charlotte and Adam. Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday 20th January, 12 noon at The Minster Church, Ilminster followed *by cremation. Flowers, or* donations for The Royal Star and Garter Home may be sent if desired c/o Kelvin & Sons Funeral Directors, 10 West Street, Ilminster. Tel 0460 61851.

COWIE - On January 10th, died peacefully aged 86, J.A. Cowie (Jac). She will be sadly missed by friends and *family. The funeral service* will be on Tuesday January 19th, 2.30 pm at Guildford Crematorium, Surrey. No wreaths by request.

DOWLING - On 12th January, following a car accident, *Margaret Elizabeth (Betty)*, widow of Major William Dowling. Sadly missed by the Cursham family and her friends. *Funeral*. All Saints' Church, Thrumpton, Tuesday 19th January at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to P.D.S.A. to Baker & Judson, Sutton Bonington, Loughborough, Leics.

ELTON - Leonard Skigerwick aged 98 years of the Vale of Health, Hampstead. Peacefully January 11th 1993. No *flowers. Donations to The* Sisters of the Poor.

FITZGIBBON - On Saturday January 9th, peacefully at home, Dr. Jerry Fitzgibbon. Service at Golders Green Crematorium Friday January 18th at 10 am. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

HARDING - On January 9th 1993, peacefully at Lansdowne Private Hospital, Bournemouth, Charles Richard, formerly of Nigeria. *Beloved son of Eve Campbell* and brother of Sylvia, Ken and Alan. Sadly missed by all *the family. Funeral Service* Wednesday January 20th at 11.30 am at St Laurence's Church, Downton, Salisbury, Wilts., followed by a reception at The Rose and Crown Hotel, Harnham, Salisbury. Flowers or donations for British Heart Foundation may be sent to Deric Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 755 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth BH7 6AN, tel: (0202) 309609.

HURN - On New Year's Day, in hospital, Timothy John, aged 36, beloved husband of *Arlette (Campbell White)*. Private family funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, 3pm January 19th 1993. Flowers *to Ballards Funerals*, 308 Old Brompton Road, SW5 9JR.

LACK - *Harry*, beloved husband of Jan, father of Nikki and Joffy, suddenly in America on January 11th. Private funeral. Memorial Service to be announced at a later date. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, can be sent to The British *Heart Foundation*.

LINDON - Adrian Hugh Raymond aged 29, in Peterborough District Hospital, on January 10th 1993. Greatly loved son of Austin and Jane and affectionate brother of Magdalen, Julia and Mark. At peace after suffering from Schizophrenia for many years. Requiem Mass will be held at St Etheldreda's Church, Ely Place, London EC1, on Thursday 21st at 11.30am followed by private interment. No flowers by request donations to The Association For The Pastoral Care Of The Mentally Ill, Anglia Region c/o Yorkshire Bank, 10 Church Street, Peterborough.

LITTLEWOOD - On 11th January 1993, *peacefully in* hospital at Cheltenham, Francis Desmond Littlewood O.B.E., greatly loved husband, father and grandfather. May he rest in peace. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 20th January 1993 at 2 pm at Church of Sacred Hearts, Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations to: Hon. Treasurer, Delancey Hospital, Cheltenham, GL53 9DU.

LONGWORTH - Iris, widow of John Lewtas Longworth, peacefully on Monday 11th January 1993 at The Countess Mountbatten Hospice. Funeral Service on Monday 18th January, 2.30pm at Southampton Crematorium, Bassett Green Road. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Friends of Countess Mountbatten Hospice or St John Ambulance, Hampshire, c/o Diamond & Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, Hants., SO41 9DN, tel: (0590) 672060.

***MACPHERSON** - On January* 12th 1993, peacefully at home, Alice Margaret Craig Macpherson M.D., F.R.C.P., aged 92, sometime consultant physician at The Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital and The Brompton Hospital, beloved aunt, great-aunt and friend. Funeral at St John's Parish Church, Hampstead, on Wednesday 20th January at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but *donations if desired to The* Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, 24 Kings Road, London SW19.

MELVILLE-ROSS - On January 10th, suddenly at home, Lt. Cmdr. Antony Stuart Melville-Ross D.S.C. of Lewes, Sussex. Much loved husband of the late Marcia Melville-Ross, father of Tim and stepfather of Sally. Funeral private. No flowers please, but donations *if desired to Victoria Hospital* (Lewes) General Fund c/o Cooper & Son Funeral Service, 42 High Street, Lewes, Sussex.

MILLER-BAKEWELL - On 13th January, peacefully *at* home, Josephine Isobel, aged 67. Much loved wife of John and mother of Robert, Archie and Alice.

MITCHELL - On January 9th, peacefully at home, Alexander Harry, dearly loved husband of Margaret & father of Eleanor and Judith.

NEAL - *On 11th January* 1993, Violet Maud Neal peacefully at the Spring View Retirement Home, will be sadly missed by her loving family and friends. Funeral Service at Enfield Crematorium Thursday 21st January, at 1.45pm. Family *flowers only*.

OTTEN - Ludwig, dearly beloved son of Walter and Bruna, peacefully in his sleep on January 12th in Liechtenstein. Mass in his *memory will be held on* Friday 15th at St Francis of Assisi, Pottery Lane, W11, at 1 pm.

PELTZER - Joan Margaret (née Greenwood), aged 80, on January 12th 1993, at Westmorland General Hospital, Kendal, wife of the late *R.C.* Peltzer, much loved mother and grandmother.

ROWE - On January 11th, peacefully, Isabel Eveline, widow of James Trethowan, mother of Susie, Bill and Juliet. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints Church, *Hannington* on Thursday 28th January, at 12 noon. No flowers, but donations may be made to British Red Cross Society c/o JNO Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

SPOONER - On January 11th, Vera, formerly of Southampton. Widow of the late Harry (Dick) Spooner. Funeral on January 18th at St Michael's, Skidby, near Hull, followed by cremation. No flowers. Donations to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

STRAIN - Peacefully on January 11th, in Galsworthy House Nursing Home, Kingston, Una Elizabeth Kennedy, dearly loved wife of Jack, mother of Patricia and Gillian and grandmother of Michael, Jonathan and Joanna. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Monday January 18th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Kingston Hospital Scanner Appeal.

WALMSLEY - On 11th January, at The Old Vicarage, Moulsford, aged 97, Isobell Jacqueline Anne *(née Scott)*, adored wife of the late Canon Edgar Walmsley and greatly loved mother of David, who died in 1947 and of Anne. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Upton, Oxfordshire, on Tuesday 19th January at 12 noon. Donations to The Children's Society, or flowers c/o Barkers of Didcot.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ARMSTRONG - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of The Right Reverend John Armstrong C.B., O.B.E., will be held at St Anne's Church, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth, on Friday February 5th at 12 noon.

***COLCLOUGH** - John Richard*. Following his death in Ireland a Memorial Service will be held on Saturday 6th February 1993 at 11 am in St Etheldreda's Church, Ely Place, London EC1.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

EISNER - Stephen. On his birthday, in loving memory from his family.

SMELLIE - F.V.S. (née Narlian). In remembrance of the fourth anniversary of my beloved Mother Stephanie who passed away on 14th January 1989. I shall never forget her.

LEGAL NOTICES

TRADE MARKS ACT 1938, SECTION 22(7)
The Trade Marks set out below were assigned on 5th February 1992 by Rupert Carr of 18 Grove Park Terrace, Chiswick, London W4 to Ecodome Limited of 83A Palace Court, London W2 4JE without the goodwill of the business in the *goods for which the Trade Marks are registered.*

TRADE MARK NO.	MARK	GOODS SPECIFICATION
1370116	ECODOME	Buildings of metal; metal framed buildings, all included in Class 6.
1370117	ECODOME	Buildings, wholly or principally non-me*tallic; all included in* Class 19.
1370118	ECODOME	Construction of buildings and leisure complexes; all included in Class 37.
1370119	ECODOME	Provision of leisure and recreational facilities; all included *in Class 41*.

CREDITORS' MEETING UNDER SECTION 48(2) OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Company No: 2314829
Registered in: England & Wales
WESTWARD (HIGH WYCOMBE) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Compleat Angler Hotel, Marlow Bridge, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, at 12.04 pm on Friday, 22nd January, 1993 for the purpose of having laid before it, a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The Meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a Committee to exercise the functions conferred on Creditors' Committees by or under the Act.

*A Proxy Form is enclosed here*with. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the Meeting. Other Creditors are only entitled to vote if: (a) They have delivered to me/us at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 5AB by no later than 1200 hours on the day before the Meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and (b) There has been lodged with me/us any Proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf. Date: 7 January 1993
C. MACMILLAN, FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE SLOUGH COUNTY COURT
IN BANKRUPTCY
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND IN THE MATTER OF *SUDESH CHANDER ROTAN* ALSO KNOWN AS RATTAN) of 63 Bulstrode Road, Hounslow, Middlesex TW3 3AW

I, John Colin Mannin Bishop, of Cork Gully, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AD

HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I was appointed Trustee of the above-named bankrupt by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on 24 January 1992.

I propose to summon a general *meeting of the bankrupt's* creditors for the purpose of establishing a creditor's committee under Section 301 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the bankrupt must deliver them to me, and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me.

Creditors who have not yet *proved their debts must forward* their Proofs of Debt to me by 30 April 1993.

Dated this 7th day of January 1993
John Colin Mannin Bishop, Trustee.

Kinash Limited
Registered Number: 2349426. Trading Name: Kinash Limited. Nature of Business: Property Owning and Managing. Trade Classification: 8630. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 8 January 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Nordbanken UK Limited. Names of persons appointed: Stephen Patrick Jens Wadsted and Alan Michael Thomas of Kidsons Impey Spectrum House 20-26 Cursitor Street, London, EC4A 1HY (Office holder nos: 6064 and 8033) Joint Administrative Receivers.

MERCANTILE HOUSE (OVERSEAS) LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company No: 1118666
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On 4 December 1992 the above named company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Stephen James Lister Adamson and Gareth Howard Hughes of Ernst & Young, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU were appointed Joint Liquidators by the members.

The Joint Liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the creditors of the above company must send details in writing of any claim against the company to the Joint Liquidators at the above address by the 19th day of February 1993 which is the last day for proving claims.

The Liquidators also give notice that they will then make distributions to creditors and members. A creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

Dated this 23rd day of December 1992.
S J L Adamson and G H Hughes
Joint Liquidators

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
POWER TROCADERO HOLDINGS LIMITED
Registered number: 2192827. Former company name: Walker Power Corporation Holdings Limited. Nature of business: Holding company. Trade classification: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 8 January 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: PILS Trocadero Ltd (in Administrative Receivership). Joint Administrative Receivers: CTE Hayward and PW Wallace (office holder nos: 2232 and 6281). Address: 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP.

CREDITORS' MEETING UNDER SECTION 48(2) OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Company No: 1871430
Registered in: England & Wales
HUNTON INDUSTRIES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Compleat Angler Hotel, Marlow Bridge, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, at 12 noon on Friday, 22nd January, 1993 for the purpose of having laid before it, a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The Meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a Committee to exercise the functions conferred on Creditors' Committees by or under the Act.

Creditors are only entitled to vote if: (a) They have delivered *to me/us at the office of Leonard* Curtis & Partners, 3rd Floor, Peter House, *Oxford Street*, Manchester, M1 5AB by no later than 1200 hours on the day before the Meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and (b) There has been lodged with me/us any Proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf. Date: 7 January 1993
C. MACMILLAN, FCA Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE BOURNEMOUTH COUNTY COURT
IN BANKRUPTCY
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND IN THE MATTER OF *WILLIAM GEORGE COTTER* of Grove Cottage, Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset

I, John Colin Mannin Bishop, of Cork Gully, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AD

HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I was appointed Trustee of the above-named bankrupt by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on 21 December 1992.

I propose to summon a general meeting of the bankrupt's creditors for the purpose of establishing a creditor's committee under Section 301 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

All persons having in their possession any of the assets of the bankrupt must deliver them to me, and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me.

Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their Proofs of Debt to me by 30 April 1993.

Dated this 7th day of January 1993
John Colin Mannin Bishop, Trustee.

CREDITORS' MEETING UNDER SECTION 48(2) OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Company No: 2227644
Registered in: England & Wales
SUMMERFIELD & TILBURY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Compleat Angler Hotel, Marlow Bridge, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, at 12.02 pm on Friday, 22nd January, 1993 for the purpose of having laid before it, a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The Meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a Committee to exercise the functions conferred on Creditors' Committees by or under the Act.

Creditors are only entitled to vote if: (a) *They have delivered* to me/us at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 5AB by no later than 1200 hours on the day before the Meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the *Insolvency Rules 1986; and (b)* There has been lodged with me/us any Proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf. Date: 7 January 1993
C. MACMILLAN, FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver

PARKREST LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY *ACT* 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 *of* the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of Parkrest Limited will be held at Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, *Gray's Inn*, London, WC1V 6HZ, on Tuesday, the 19th day of January 1993 at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes provided for in Sections 98, 100 and 101.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, during business hours on the 15th and 18th days of January 1993 at the offices of Begbie Norton & Partners, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London, WC1V 6HZ.

Dated this 11th day of January 1993.
By Order of the Board,
Simon Harrison, Director.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
POWER TROCADERO *(CINEMA) LIMITED*
Registered number: 2430236. Former company name: Walker Power Corporation (Cinema) Limited. Nature of business: Property Investment. Trade classification: 35. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 8 January 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: PILS Trocadero Ltd (in Administrative Receivership). Joint Administrative Receivers: CTE Hayward and PW Wallace (office holder nos: 2232 and 6281). Address: 20 Farringdon Street, *London EC4A 4PP*.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
POWER TROCADERO LIMITED
Registered number: 2164830. Former company name: Walker Power Corporation Limited. *Nature of business: Property* Investment. Trade classification: 35. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 8 January 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: PILS Trocadero Ltd (in Administrative Receivership). Joint Administrative Receivers: CTE Hayward and PW Wallace (office holder nos: 2232 and 6281). Address: 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
ALPHA ENTERPRISES LIMITED
Registered number: 2087826. Trading name: Valvets Restaurant. Nature of business: Restaurant. Trade classification: 49. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 8th January 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Michael Francis Stevenson and Peter James Yeldon (office holder nos: 8154 and 7283). Address No 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
PILS TROCADERO LIMITED
Registered number: 2432255. Nature of business: Holding company. *Trade classification*: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 8 January 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Sanwa Bank Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: CTE Hayward and PW Wallace (office holder nos: 2232 and 6281). Address: 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP.

16 Old Bond Street BV
(Incorporated in the Netherlands)
Registered Number: 210466. Trading Name: *16 Old Bond* Street BV. Nature of Business: Property Owning and Managing. Trade Classification: 8630. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 8 January 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Nordbanken UK Limited. Names of persons appointed: Stephen Patrick Jens Wadsted and Alan Michael Thomas of Kidsons Impey Spectrum House 20-26 Cursitor Street, London, EC4A 1HY (Office holder nos: 6064 and 8033) Joint Administrative Receivers.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
POWER TROCADERO (OFFICES) LIMITED
Registered number: 2430239. Former company name: Walker Power Corporation (Offices) Limited. Nature of business: Property Investment. Trade classification: 35. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 8 January 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative *receivers: PILS Trocadero Ltd* (in Administrative Receivership). Joint Administrative Receivers: CTE Hayward and PW Wallace (office holder nos: 2232 and 6281). Address: 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Streets Communications Limited
In Administrative Receivership
- In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation -
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, *A P Supperstone, Licensed Insol*vency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA and C G Wiseman, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, *of Booth White, 6 Raleigh House*, Admirals Way, Waterside, London E14 9SN, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 21 December 1992. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated: 24 December 1992
A P Supperstone,
Joint Liquidator.

Swan City Properties Ltd.
(Incorporated in the Isle of Man)
Registered Number: 38864. Former company name: Blue Jay Limited. Trading Name: Swan City Properties Ltd. Nature of Business: Property Owning and Managing. Trade Classification: 8630. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 8 January 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Nordbanken UK Ltd. Names of persons appointed: Stephen Patrick Jens Wadsted and Alan Michael Thomas of Kidsons Impey Spectrum House 20-26 Cursitor Street, London, EC4A 1HY (Office holder nos: 6064 and 8033) Joint Administrative Receivers.

The Insolvency Act 1986
CLARKE FOODS PLC
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John A Talbot and Anthony W Brierley of Arthur Andersen, P.O. Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 23rd December 1992.
Dated this 12th day of January 1993
J.A. Talbot and A.W. Brierley, Liquidators.

William Comyns & Sons Limited and Comyns of London Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that Meetings of the Creditors of the above-named Companies will be held at the offices of Chantrey Vellacott, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London WC1B 5LF on 26 January 1993 at 11.00 am and 2.15 pm respectively, for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Companies creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5LF between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the date of the meetings stated above.
Dated 6 January 1993
By Order of the Board
J.C. FLEGG, DIRECTOR.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities administered in connection with the Royal Masonic Institute for Boys
The Commissioners have made a Scheme for these charities. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DGY-285836-A/2-CD-Ldn3.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities administered in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for these charities. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DGY-285836A/2-CD(Ldn3).

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Frederick Hickton Griffiths Bursary Fund
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DGY-285131A/2-CD(Ldn3).

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - International League for the Protection of Horses
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DGY-206658-A/2-CD-LDN3.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours de Paris
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DGY-250183-A/1-CD-Ldn3.

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES TILLON

Charles Tillon, French resistance fighter and communist minister in the first, wartime and postwar administrations of Charles de Gaulle, died in Marseilles on the night of January 12/13 aged 95. He was born in Rennes on July 3, 1897.

A FIERY nature and a passionate commitment to communism informed everything Charles Tillon did — until the party he had served for thirty years rounded on him at an extraordinary session of its politburo, late one autumn night in 1952. Tillon ought to have been one of the most revered members of the French Communist party. He had been a leader of the mutiny in the French Black Sea Fleet in 1919. As a trade unionist he had tirelessly fomented industrial unrest in the years between the wars. He played the leading role in French communist resistance to the Germans. He was one of de Gaulle's most respected communist ministers in the governments which followed the Liberation. But on September 1, 1952, he heard himself suddenly reviled as a deviationist and ridiculed as a resistance fighter. He was compelled to sign an abject admission to his faults before being expelled from the politburo along with another member, André Marty.

It was an event which astonished the outside world almost as much as it did those who had served under Tillon in wartime. True, partial rehabilitation came in 1957 when he was re-admitted to the "rights and duties" of party membership. But Tillon never really recovered from the wounds which had been inflicted on him. His disillusionment with the Communist party of France finally surfaced in a scathing criticism of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, and two years later he was finally expelled from the party which had denounced him 18 years before.

A mechanic by trade, Tillon was drafted into the French Navy for war service in 1916. During the Russian civil war, when allied forces entered the Ukraine to back up Denikin's counter-revolutionary forces, the French sent a fleet to the Black Sea to support its contingents of troops who were ashore in the region of Odessa. Convinced, with Marty, that this allied intervention was wrong, Tillon stirred up a mutiny in the Black Sea Fleet in 1919. When this was crushed he was convicted of treason and sent to serve five years hard labour in a penal camp in Morocco.

On his release he joined the French Communist party and was an active trade union member in the giant communist CGT. He was also in local government from the mid-1920s. During the Spanish civil war he went to Spain to help coordinate international aid to the Republicans and was imprisoned for a short time at Alicante by Franco.



Men of the hour: Tillon as air minister and de Gaulle as head of France's first postwar government

In 1940 Tillon went underground and was convicted of treason in absentia. He soon set about the organisation of the Francs-Tireurs et Partisans and for the next four years was the leader of what was to emerge as one of the most famous partisan bands. "A chacun son boche" was the belligerent slogan circulated by the FTP's commander to his men. Even granted the necessary cargo of myth which tends to encrust the details of resistance, Tillon's FTP clearly performed well. More important, as the military wing of the communist Front National they ensured that the party had strong claims to be represented in government after the Liberation. Indeed it is thought that Tillon and Lecoeur, the other most militant and independent communist leader, wanted to proclaim a Soviet republic in the South of France, if not actually to seize power in Paris itself. But the pro-Soviet faction, led by Jacques Duclos, would not move without orders from Moscow. Moscow never did give the word and the plan came to nothing. France's communists agreed to support de Gaulle's Free French.

When de Gaulle formed his first provisional administration after the French entry into Paris in the autumn of 1944, Tillon was one of two communist ministers he appointed. De Gaulle made him air minister, a job in which he applied himself to the task of resurrecting France's aircraft factories. In his memoirs, de Gaulle has recorded that Tillon devoted himself to this task with firmness yet sensitivity. In November 1945 Tillon became minister of armaments — one of four communists in de Gaulle's new cabinet. Under de Gaulle's successors he was minister of reconstruction until, in May 1947 at the beginning of the Cold war, the French Communist party withdrew from government in obedience to Moscow. He remained a member of the national assembly until 1955.

Since the 1930s Tillon had been a member of the party's central committee and politburo and was one of its most respected figures. In his book *Un Procès de Moscou* (1971) he has chronicled the sense of rage and despair he felt when, out of the blue, at a meeting held in the dead of night, he suddenly became aware that decades of dedicated service to his party were being torn to shreds. The chief of his crimes was insufficient acknowledgment of the contribution of the Soviet Union to winning the war. This was closely pursued by the charge that he had been too critical of party leadership. In truth, Tillon was no party *apparatchik*. The spirit of ferocious independence was rooted in the resistance fighter. Disciplined communist as he was, his neck did not easily fit the Stalinist yoke to which the French Communist party was so willingly bowed. More galling than any of this was the deriding of his resistance record. Not only was Tillon proud of it, but he had dedicated the years of struggle to the communist cause.

As the monotonous drone of his accusers went on, hour after hour, Tillon took a written note of the proceedings: his trembling hands stained the paper with sweat as he felt rising with in him: "a fever of rage from which I shook to the very core of my being". Jacques Duclos led the attack on him. After hours of humiliation which ended at 2am with his expulsion from the politburo, Tillon left the chamber accepting, as a dedicated communist, the strictures on his behaviour but assuring Duclos of his undying contempt.

Exile in the obscurity of a tiny Alpine hamlet followed. The communist newspaper *L'Humanité* hounded him as a hardened enemy of the working class. It was insinuated to his wife that she should leave him and that his children should not continue to bear a name which was held in abhorrence by true communists everywhere. When the party relented, it was no consolation to him. The wounds were too deep. It may be, too, that in the intervening years, he had become sickened by the party's hardening of the arteries, by its consistent refusal to humanise itself in line with other European Communist parties. Certainly its failure to influence events through its slavish pro-Moscow stance was a source of deep disillusionment to him. The Soviet rape of Prague in 1968 was the final straw. The French party continued to mouth the Moscow line and Tillon rounded on it in terms of bitter scorn. His published manifesto: "It is no longer possible to remain silent", criticising the whole range of party operations, ensured his expulsion from the party in 1970.

Thereafter he lived quietly. Though no longer permitted to be a member of the party, he continued to think along socialist lines and published a book describing the relationship between the worker and the French republic in 1983.

A book describing the wartime campaigns of the Francs-Tireurs et Partisans, entitled, simply, *Les FTP*, had appeared in 1963. An interesting, if hectic, document it gives insight into the manner in which this, in some ways touchingly innocent man, fought for the creed which eventually repudiated him.

A few days ago he was made a commander of the Légion d'Honneur.

LORD LLOYD OF HAMPSTEAD

Lord Lloyd of Hampstead, Quain Professor of Jurisprudence in the University of London, 1956-82, died on December 31 aged 77. He was born on October 22, 1915.



AS AN academic lawyer Lord Lloyd of Hampstead's reputation must assuredly rest on his *Introduction to Jurisprudence*, which first appeared in 1959 and had gone through five editions by 1985. But his influence inside and outside academe was wide and he could claim eminence as a practising barrister, populariser of legal theory and informal consultant to the first Labour government of Harold Wilson. In this last capacity he was an adviser on the passage of the Rent Bill which was designed to prevent the abuses of the rental market which had been so scandalously exposed in the 1950s and early 1960s. Lloyd helped to frame the concept of the Fair Rent which gave security of tenure to long-term tenants and guaranteed them sensible levels of rent which could not be arbitrarily altered upwards.

Dennis Lloyd went to University College school, University College London and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where the essay which won him the Yorke prize led to his first book *Unincorporated Associations* (1938). During the war he served first in an anti-aircraft battery and then as a liaison officer to the Free French forces in Syria and the Lebanon.

For nine years from 1947 he was Reader in English Law at University College London, before being appointed to the Quain Chair of Jurisprudence which he held for the next 26 years. During this time he was also, for two years, Dean of the law faculty and head of the law department and, as such, helped to build up a strong staff of law specialists at University College. His tenure of the Quain Chair enabled him to give rein to his philosophical interest in the law in a succession of books, some aimed at the layman, some addressing specific legal topics. He had already published *Public Policy: a Comparative Study in English and French Law* (1953). *Business Lettings* (1956) was followed by the magisterial *Introduction to Jurisprudence*. *The Idea of Law* (1964), a layman's guide, went through nine impressions.

In the meantime Lloyd's talents and liberal/left political proclivities had brought him to the notice of the Labour leadership which came to power in 1964 and he was an informal adviser to the then housing minister, Richard Crossman. His services on the Rent Bill earned him a life peerage in 1965. He also served on the committee which recommended the abolition of censorship of plays and as a member of the select committee on the Bill of Rights. He opposed incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into British law, feeling that such rights were already better guaranteed under the British system than they would be under the codified systems of the Continent.

Entertainment was another strong interest and he chaired the committee which planned the National Film School in the 1960s. His report bore fruit in the establishment of the school at Beaconsfield in 1971. He was chairman of the British Film Institute, 1973-76.

He is survived by his wife Ruth and by two daughters.

TEL: 071 481 4000

PERSONAL COLUMN

FAX: 071 481 9313

PUBLIC NOTICES

PIPELINES ACT 1962
ELECTRICITY & PIPELINE WORKS (ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS) REGULATIONS 1990
APPLICATION FOR PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORISATION BRITISH GAS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION LIMITED PROPOSED NORTH MORECAMBE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT 36" NATURAL GAS / CONDENSATE AND 3" METHANOL CROSS COUNTRY PIPELINES

British Gas Exploration and Production Limited hereby give notice, in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Pipelines Act 1962 and regulation 7(2) of the Electricity and Pipeline Work (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1990, that an application has been made to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry for the grant of authorisation for construction of cross-country pipelines.

The proposed pipelines, which are to be for the conveyance of Natural Gas/Condensate and Methanol are to run between the Low Water Mark to West of Walney Island and the Pig Trap in the North Morecambe Terminal.

The pipelines will be owned by British Gas Exploration and Production Limited.

Copies of the map, on which the proposed route of the pipelines is delineated and which will run with limits of deviation of 50 metres on either side and the Environmental Statement (which accompanied the application) can be inspected during normal office hours in Room 3.M.1, Department of Trade and Industry, 1 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HE and at the following offices of the following local authorities:
Director of Development, (FAO Mr C Phillips), Barrow in Furness Borough Council, Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria LA14 2LD.
County Planning Officer (FAO Mrs Rieder), Cumbria County Council, County Offices, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4RQ.

A copy of the Environmental Statement may be obtained from the Director of Development, (FAO Mr C Phillips), Barrow in Furness Borough Council, Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria whilst stocks last at a cost of £15.00 each.

Objections to this application should be made in writing, setting out the grounds of objection and bearing reference PX 75/706/22 and should be sent to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry at 1 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HE (marked FAO Mr G R T Cobb, Pipelines Administration) to arrive not later than 18th February 1993.
Rivermill House
152 Grosvenor Road
London SW1V 3JL

J M Sadler
Secretary

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"RINKING" AT OLYMPIA

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT)

"Rinking", or roller skating (for many reasons the shorter term is preferable), has clearly captured the town by storm. There has been nothing like it since the invention of the low bicycle with its pneumatic tires set society (with or without a capital) on smooth-running wheels for a season.

It is to be hoped that the newly revived pastime of rinking will retain its present popularity among Londoners, who are being rapidly reduced to a state of legglessness by the ubiquity of "tubes", taxi-cabs, motor-omnibuses, lifts, and other contrivances for making the use of one's legs a lost art.

If anybody still thinks that the pastime is a cheap and vulgar amusement, unworthy of a person of taste, let him — or her — go and watch the crowd in the rink at Olympia for half-an-hour on an afternoon or evening when the vast floor is fairly full. There is no more fascinating spectacle in London. The writer went there after dinner on Boxing Day, when there were 4,000 skaters present, although it could not be said that the floor was ever overcrowded.

The charge of one shilling for entrance and another for the use of a pair of skates squeezes out the athletic hooligan who, to do him justice, does not really wish to annoy people but gets drunk on a little open-air exercise, as Charles Lamb got drunk on a beefsteak. There were a number of learners on the floor and falls were not infrequent, but nobody was so rude as to laugh at the grotesque gestures that are the prelude of a catastrophe. The attendants, in neat brown uniforms, skated backwards, watching for accidents and ready to go to the rescue. Orders given in letters of light on a screen at the end of the hall were at once obeyed by the whole crowd.

Unquestionably the present popularity of rinking is largely the result of improved equipment. The asphalt surface, which was formerly universal, was hard and lifeless, having none of the spring and elasticity of the modern wooden floor. The maple boards are so placed that the skater going round the rink is always travelling along the grain of the wood, never across it, and their edges are fitted together by means of a tongue and groove so as to prevent warping.

Secondly, the skates now used with aluminium rollers (a set of which costs half as much again as the ordinary boxwood affairs), turning on a double set of ball bearings, so that weight and friction are reduced to a minimum, are superior in every way to the best that could be procured 10 or 15 years ago. Thirdly, the lighting arrangements of today are much better than anything possessed by the first rinks built in this country. The present revival, however, is also the outcome, no doubt, of a general recognition of the necessity of a pleasant, not too strenuous, exercise which tempers both the internal and external muscles for the inhabitants of a great city the majority of whom cannot hope to take part in open-air games at regular intervals. Half an hour of rinking which may be enjoyed when the business day is over is certainly a tonic both for body and mind.

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Roller skating had a great vogue and not only in London: all over the country there were crowds on wheels in public halls and sometimes on the ends of piers.

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NEWS

Allies bomb Saddam's missiles

■ Warplanes from America, Britain and France bombed Iraqi missile sites in retaliation for President Saddam Hussein's persistent violations of UN resolutions.

Dozens of aircraft, including six British Tornados, took part to deal Saddam "a short, sharp and telling lesson". Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said that all the planes returned to their bases..... **Pages 1, 2, 3**

British soldier killed in Bosnia

■ Lance Corporal Wayne John Edwards became the first British soldier to die in Bosnia when the Warrior armoured vehicle he was driving while escorting an ambulance was hit by small arms fire. The corporal, 26, of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, who came from Wrexham, north Wales, died in the central Bosnian town of Gorni Vakuf ..... **Pages 1, 14**

Referendum debate

Parliament is to debate whether to hold a referendum on the Maastricht Treaty, giving Eurosceptics with a further chance to embarrass the government. The referendum debate will be the last measure during the committee stage of the European Communities Bill..... **Pages 1, 10**

Triad victim

A former detective from Hong Kong is hiding in fear of his life after television revealed his part in an operation to expose a Manchester Triad gang. Joe Tan was featured in *The Cook Report*, which claimed that 95 per cent of the city's Chinese community pays protection..... **Page 11**

Suffering in silence

Victims of the Hillsborough disaster have been deterred from seeking counselling through a combination of shock, the fear of appearing weak and the feeling that others were more deserving of help, according to Dr Tim Newburn, of the National Institute for Social Work..... **Page 8**

Bombings 'listed'

The 60-year-old lover of an alleged IRA terrorist implicated him in more than a dozen bombings in interviews with detectives after their arrest at the end of a 10-month terror campaign, the Old Bailey was told ..... **Page 7**

Gay demand

Plans to allow homosexual lovers of council tenants to continue renting their council home when their partner dies have the cross-party support of more than 60 councils and the main Aids charities..... **Page 8**

In the doghouse

Cruft's dog show, the most prestigious event in the dog world, may have weathered the recession with the number of entrants up on last year, but *Dogs Today*, the leading dog magazine, said the show had "lost its excitement" and was "just another dog show" ..... **Page 6**

Business paralysis

Bombay's slum dwellers, who bore the brunt of seven days of rioting instigated by religious extremists and gangs, began reassembling their shattered homes under protection from the army but business in India's commercial capital remained paralysed with millions forced to stay at home because of curfews **Page 13**

Somalia shooting

A Somali gunman shot and wounded a US naval medic after ambushers shot dead an American marine.US troops went on high alert after the marine was killed, the first foreign soldier to be shot dead since the start of the American-led Operation Restore Hope on December 9 .. **Page 13**

Staff of life

The *Peking Youth News* devoted its front page to allegations that staff at the world's biggest McDonald's is "underpaid, underfed and cold." Peking's honeymoon with capitalism appears to be over..... **Page 15**

Plan for 'privacy' compensation

■ As the controversy over the latest royal tapes continued, it emerged that newspapers would face hefty compensation claims from people whose privacy they had wrongly invaded under new government proposals. Meanwhile the Prince and Princess of Wales went about their separate businesses, trying to maintain some semblance of normality..... **Pages 1, 5, 7**



Sea of troubles: the Prince of Wales with Shetland farmers discussing how crops have been affected by the *Braer* disaster on a day of dispute over tapes allegedly recording a conversation between him and Camilla Parker Bowles. **Pages 1, 5, 7**

Trading time: In a stern criticism of fiscal policy the influential cross party Commons Treasury Committee warned that the Government may have to increase taxes and put a further squeeze on public spending..... **Page 23**

Fun for some: Dixons said Christmas sales in Britain were 17 per cent higher than in the previous year but Body Shop International and Alexon, the fashion retailer best known for its Dash brand, had a tough time..... **Page 23**

Markets: Shares fell for the seventh consecutive session, with the FT-SE 100 index closing down 12.6 at 2,745.3. The pound eased 0.10 cents to $1.5422 and 0.39 pfennigs to DM2.5149..... **Page 26**

Cricket: In spite of a captain's knock of 85 from Graham Gooch, England suffered the first defeat of their tour to India when they lost a one-day match against the President's XI ..... **Page 44**

Rugby union: Geoff Cooke, the England manager, has thrown down the gauntlet to the rest of the field in the five nations' tournament, saying that England's aim is to reach the top of the rugby-playing world..... **Page 39**

Table tennis: Elena Timina, the best-known woman player in Russia, joined NFD Grove, a Staffordshire club, to earn money for a flat in Moscow. Now Grove have reached the semi-final of the European Cup..... **Page 40**

Publish and be damned? The so-called Camillagate tapes have appeared in an Australian magazine, but will editors in Europe and America follow suit? ..... **Page 17**

Floating problems: With more than 4.5 million people expected on cruise liners this year, environmentalists are increasingly worried about damage caused by the liners and their passengers ..... **Page 31**

On the rocks: No corner of the earth, however remote, remains safe from the package tourist. This spring you may, for almost £7,500, join a relatively effortless expedition to the North Pole..... **Page 32**

Romance is not dead: The offbeat comedy *Singles*, with Matt Dillon and Bridget Fonda as young lovers, proves that Americans can still make sweet films..... **Page 33**

With love from Tuscany: A touring exhibition celebrates the great love and understanding of Italian art and culture that inspired the Victorian writer and collector John Ruskin ..... **Page 33**

Nureyev tribute: The Royal Ballet is presenting a triple bill in tribute to Rudolf Nureyev..... **Page 34**

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First lady of letters: Caroline Moore on Aphra Behn — Restoration dramatist, poet and spy, first professional woman writer — and quotes her best-known play on "the joys of rape" ..... **Page 36**

Invisible Man: H G Wells held disturbing views on race and eugenics, well documented by a new biography but Peter Ackroyd still admires the energy which enabled him to rise above his humdrum background..... **Page 37**

Yugoslavia's Marshal: Tito was the subject of more speculation in his lifetime than any other dictator. Did Stalin replace him with a double? Was he a woman? Colin Welch on a new book..... **Page 37**



Erich Honecker, former leader of East Germany, was allowed to fly into South American exile because he is too ill to finish his trial **Page 15**



Mia Farrow and her former lover Woody Allen are preparing for a face-to-face court confrontation in the final scene of their child custody battle **Page 13**



Steven Spielberg's film about dinosaurs, *Jurassic Park*, his most expensive venture yet, is expected to lead to dinomania this summer **Page 8**



Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, told the Commons that some charities will lose income as a result of the national lottery **Page 10**

Itaye loses his mother and is beaten up. But he learns to leap rivers and becomes a responsible member of society. Itaye is a baboon and this beautiful little film has some astonishing footage. *Wildlife On One* (BBC1, 8pm)..... **Page 43**

Saddam's choice

What is required is meticulous and unconditional Iraqi compliance with every detail of UN resolutions, without distinction. If words cannot convince Saddam of this, further force will be needed .. **Page 19**

No more taxes, yet

Recovery in Britain is still too tentative to risk a tax increase .. **Page 19**

Triad terror

The triad dragon is beginning to stir in the cities; only through joint action with the Chinese community will it be slain..... **Page 19**

CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN

Two things can safely be predicted about the Fianna Fail-Labour government formed in Dublin yesterday. It will last its full term of four to five years, and it will be securely dominated by Fianna Fail. Both the durability and the dominance will be due to one factor: now that it is in the coalition, Labour will be afraid to break it..... **Page 18**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

We may be accustomed to thinking of the Bosnians as very unfortunate people whom we have been trying to help, both by supporting the U.N. relief effort and by sending and risking the lives of British troops. The Bosnians see the situation very differently..... **Page 18**

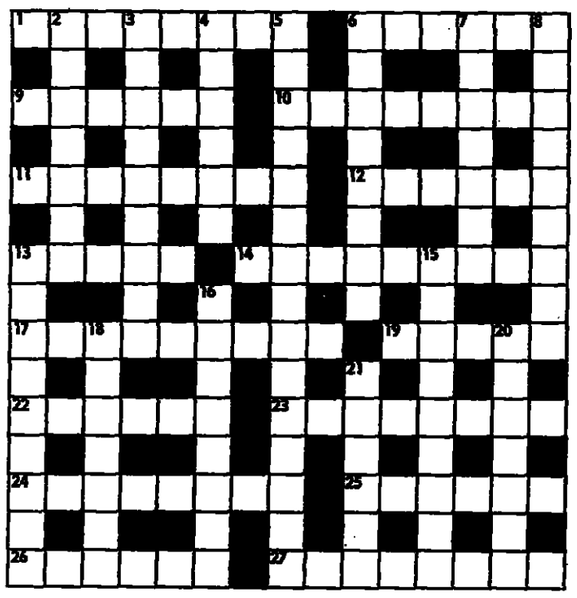
Writers put their views on the press intrusion that has led to calls for statutory controls..... **Page 19**

Perhaps it is time to start thinking about moving on to the next chapter in the Iraq drama. That would involve a serious effort by the allies to develop support for an Iraqi government in exile. Such and effort would give Western policymakers a goal with the potential to accomplish something lasting and good. As it is now Saddam is setting the agenda.

— The Wall Street Journal

The response of the West should be unequivocal ... air strikes against [Saddam's] real centres of power as dictator *— Evening Standard*

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15 See 4 roaming free (2,7).
16 In favour of money in advance (8).
18 Advertisements in classified section (7).
20 Headstrong girl conceals name (7).
21 Press about to shed a little weight (6).

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Bright or sunny in England and Wales, especially in the east. Few showers in western areas this morning, becoming rain this evening. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be showery. These will become less wintry, but thickening cloud will bring rain with snow on higher ground. Colder in the south than yesterday, and still windy. Outlook: further rain or showers; drier and less windy on Saturday.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.4	0.22	4	39	cloudy
Anglesey	2.0	0.01	6	43	rain
Aviemore	-	0.83	1	34	snow
Belfast	3.1	0.03	3	37	snow
Birmingham	3.7	0.02	6	43	sleet
Bognor Regis	6.2	0.20	8	46	sunny
Bournemouth	5.8	0.09	9	48	sunny
Bristol	2.4	0.69	8	46	thundr
Buxton	3.0	0.01	3	37	bright
Cardiff	2.6	0.54	7	45	thundr
Clacton	5.9	0.02	6	43	sunny
Cromer	5.8	-	5	41	sunny
Douglas	0.6	0.01	5	41	sunny
Edinburgh	0.1	0.15	3	37	snow
Eskdalemuir	0.2	-	-2	28	cloudy
Exmouth	5.8	0.11	9	48	sunny
Falmouth	4.4	0.30	9	48	shower
Folkestone	6.3	0.08	7	45	sunny
Glasgow	-	0.44	4	39	snow
Hastings	6.1	0.12	8	46	sunny
Hunstanton	4.5	-	5	41	sunny
Jersey	5.7	0.46	9	48	sunny
Kinloss	0.1	0.20	3	37	snow
Leeds	2.8	-	5	41	snow
Lerwick	-	0.54	4	39	snow
Littlehampton	6.1	0.19	9	48	shower
Liverpool	1.7	0.04	5	41	bright
London	4.8	0.03	8	46	sleet
Lowestoft	4.8	-	5	41	sunny
Manchester	3.7	0.01	6	43	sunny
Margate	-	0.04	7	45	sunny
Minehead	3.1	0.30	8	46	hail
Morecambe	0.1	0.04	6	43	hail
Newcastle	4.6	-	5	41	sunny
Newquay	4.5	0.12	9	48	sunny
Nottingham	4.6	-	6	43	sunny
Penzance	4.7	0.30	10	50	sunny
Plymouth	5.4	0.17	9	48	shower
Poole	5.9	0.03	9	48	sunny
Prestwick	-	0.09	5	41	snow
Saunton Snd	3.2	0.11	8	46	gale
Scarborough	4.1	0.04	3	37	bright
Scilly Isles	1.8	0.15	9	48	rain
Shanklin	5.3	0.29	8	46	sunny
Southend	-	0.06		x	xsunny
Southsea	6.6	0.15	8	46	sunny
Stornoway	-	0.21	3	37	snow
Stranraer	5.1	0.22	9	48	sunny
Teignmouth	5.3	0.07	9	48	sunny
Tiree	-	0.55	6	43	hail
Torquay	4.9	0.06	10	50	sunny
Weymouth	5.7	0.09	9	48	hail
Wick	-	0.16	3	37	sleet
Worthing	6.1	0.17	9	48	sunny

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	f	Madrid	8	46	c
Alcudia	15	59	s	Majorca	16	61	s
Alex'dria	16	61	f	Malaga	16	61	s
Algiers	17	63	s	Malta	18	64	s
Amst'dm	5	41	f	Melb'rne	20	68	s
Athens	15	59	f	Mexico C*	20	68	s
Bahrain	17	63	f	Miami*	27	81	f
Bangkok	31	88	f	Milan	5	41	d
Barbados*	28	82	r	Montreal*	-5	18	s
Barcelna	15	59	s	Moscow	1	34	c
Beirut	15	59	s	Munich	6	46	f
Belgrade	11	52	s	Naples	14	57	s
Berlin	6	43	s	N Delhi	17	63	s
Bermuda*	22	72	f	N York*	2	36	c
Biarritz	20	68	s	Nice	13	55	c
Border'x	10	64	s	Oslo	4	39	s
Brussels	7	45	f	Paris	12	54	s
Budapst	9	48	s	Peking	0	32	s
B Aires*	35	95	f	Perth	28	82	s
Cairo	15	59	s	Prague	6	43	c
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Reykjavik	-2	28	c
Chicago*	0	32	c	Rhodes	14	57	s
Cologne	5	41	f	Rio de J	34	93	s
C'phagn	5	41	c	Riyadh	13	55	s
Corfu	15	59	s	Rome	15	59	s
Dublin	7	45	f	Salzburg	9	48	r
Dubrovnik	13	55	s	S Frisco*	6	43	r
Faro	16	61	s	Santiago*	28	82	s
Florence	12	54	c	Seoul	2	36	c
Frankfurt	4	39	f	Sing'por	29	84	f
Funchal	17	63	s	St'kholm	6	41	f
Geneva	9	48	f	Strasb'rg	6	41	f
Gibraltar	15	59	s	Sydney	21	70	c
Helsinki	1	34	f	Tel Aviv	12	54	f
Hong K	20	68	f	Tenerife	19	66	f
Innsbruck	7	45	f	Tokyo	11	52	f
Istanbul	9	48	s	Toronto*	-5	23	c
Jeddah	23	73	s	Tunis	16	61	s
Jo'burg*	23	73	s	Valencia	17	63	s
L Palmas	19	66	s	Vanc'ver*	-6	18	s
Le Touet	8	46	c	Venice	6	43	fg
Lisbon	17	63	c	Vienna	10	50	f
Locarno	8	46	f	Warsaw	5	41	s
London	9	48	r	Wash'ton*	6	43	c
L Angels*	11	52	r	Wel'ton	12	54	c
Luxembg	2	36	r	Zurich	8	46	f
Luxor	16	61	s				

* daytime figures are latest available





London 4.20 pm to 8.00 am
Bristol 4.29 pm to 8.10 am
Edinburgh 4.10 pm to 8.35 am
Manchester 4.19 pm to 8.17 am
Penzance 4.47 pm to 8.15 am

Sun rises: 8.00 am — Sun sets: 4.20 pm
Moon sets: 10.19 am — Moon rises: 12.51 pm
Last quarter tomorrow

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

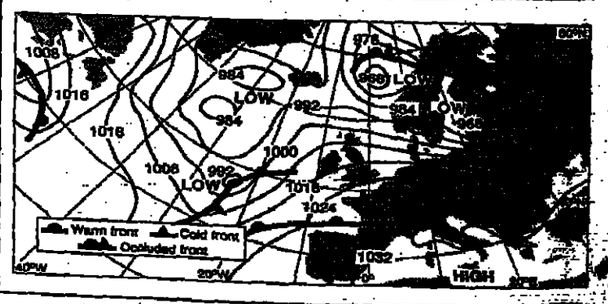
	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	2	36	c	Guernsey	12	54	r
B'mgham	5	41	r	Inverness	3	37	f
Blackpool	6	43	r	Jersey	12	54	c
Bristol	8	46	r	London	8	48	r
Cardiff	7	45	r	M'nchester	6	43	r
Edinburgh	3	37	r	Newcastle	7	45	r
Glasgow	4	39	c	R'aldsway	8	46	r

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.39	7.0	6.14	6.9
Aberdeen	5.32	3.9	5.40	4.2
Avonmouth	11.16	12.7	11.43	12.0
Belfast	3.01	3.1	3.22	3.5
Cardiff	11.01	11.7	11.28	11.1
Devonport	9.50	5.3	10.20	4.9
Dover	2.50	6.6	3.15	6.2
Falmouth	9.20	5.1	9.50	4.7
Glasgow	4.54	4.7	4.51	5.2
Harwich	3.32	3.9	4.07	3.8
Holyhead	2.11	5.2	2.29	5.4
Hull	10.20	7.0	10.28	7.4
Ilfracombe	10.02	6.8	10.27	6.3
King's Lynn	10.43	6.1	10.46	6.4
Leith	6.57	5.3	7.16	5.4

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	3.04	9.0	3.24	9.1
Lowestoft	12.58	2.6	1.54	2.1
Margate	3.42	4.8	4.04	4.5
Milford Haven	10.20	6.7	10.47	6.3
Newquay	9.15	6.7	9.44	6.3
Oban	9.33	3.6	10.02	3.3
Penzance	9.01	5.4	9.33	4.9
Portland	10.34	1.9	11.07	1.7
Portsmouth	3.14	4.7	3.29	4.4
Shoreham	3.04	6.2	3.28	5.9
Southampton	2.47	4.5	3.05	4.3
Swansea	10.22	9.0	10.51	8.5
Tees	7.54	5.0	8.05	5.1
Wilton-on-Naze	3.25	4.2	4.02	4.0

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 7C (45F); min 6pm to 6am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.35in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 5C (41F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.



	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.385	2.185
Austria Sch	18.70	17.20
Belgium Fr	54.95	50.45
Canada $	2.098	1.935
Denmark Kr	10.32	9.52
Finland Mkk	9.06	8.26
France Fr	9.00	8.30
Germany Dm	2.65	2.45
Greece Dr	357.00	332.00
Hong Kong $	12.57	11.57
Ireland Pt	1.002	0.922
Italy Lira	2495.00	2270.00
Japan Yen	212.00	193.00
Netherlands Gld	2.99	2.76
Norway Kr	11.30	10.50
Portugal Esc	238.50	218.50
South Africa Rd	5.25	4.55
Spain Pta	184.50	171.50
Sweden Kr	11.98	11.18
Switzerland Fr	2.43	2.25
Turkey Lira	14900.0	13900.0
USA $	1.64	1.51

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THE POUND

US $	1.5422 (-0.0010)
German mark	2.5149 (-0.0039)
Exchange index	81.8 (same)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2745.3 (-12.6)
Dow Jones	3251.94 (-12.70)*
Nikkei Avge	16517.91 (-163.14)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	7%
3-month Interbank	7⅛-7⅛%
US Federal Funds	2¹⁵⁄₁₆%
3-month Treas Bills	3.00-2.99%*
Long Bond	7.47%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5385*	£:$ 1.5390
$:DM 1.6330*	£:DM 2.5140
$:SWfr 1.4917*	£:SWfr 2.3005
$:Ffr 5.5305*	£:Ffr 8.4915
$:Yen 125.98*	£:Yen 193.92
£:SDR 1.1323	£:ECU 1.2837

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 327.85 PM 327.55
Close 327.25-327.65
New York:
Comex 327.25-327.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 139.7 November (3%)

* Denotes midday trading price

MPs warn of tax rises and spending cuts

BY JANET BUSH AND SHEILA GUNN

■ **In a strong criticism of the government's fiscal and monetary policy, the Commons Treasury select committee points out the dangers if forecast growth fails to appear**

IF the government's hoped-for economic growth fails to materialise this year, it may have to raise taxes in the Budget and put a further squeeze on public spending to control the ballooning public sector deficit, according to a Commons select committee report.

The influential cross-party Treasury committee is highly critical of the government's fiscal policy and clearly ill at ease about whether the government has now worked out an adequate monetary policy to replace targeting sterling within the exchange-rate mechanism.

The committee questions whether the government has achieved a platform for recovery. "It is not clear whether the limited policy measures announced during the Autumn Statement and reductions in interest rates will be sufficient to counter the effects of rising unemployment and falling asset prices on confidence," the report says. But it also concludes that the scope for lowering interest rates is limited as a further sterling fall would risk higher inflation.

The harshest words are reserved for fiscal policy. "The government is walking along a fiscal tightrope," the MPs say. "Without robust economic growth, it will be doing so while staring down an abyss of ever-increasing fiscal deficits." They claim that if the government's 1 per cent growth forecast for this year proves over-optimistic, the "unpalatable" options facing ministers are to raise taxes, cut public spending or see further rises in public sector borrowing.

John Watts, MP, the committee chairman, said in an interview he would like to see the recovery much more firmly established before "anyone starts thinking of increasing taxes". He said tax rises would be counterproductive if they delayed a full-blown recovery.

At the same time, the report complains about the absence of firm plans to underpin the government's aim of controlling public spending: "We are disturbed at the lack of a firm medium-term framework for fiscal policy, such as to add credibility to the government's announced intention of bringing the budget back to balance. A strategy for deficit reduction in the medium term is required under the terms of the Maastricht treaty, whether or not the UK rejoins the ERM, and will also be needed for domestic policy reasons even if the UK does not ratify the Maastricht treaty."

The difficulties the committee has with fiscal policy go to the heart of the pre-Budget debate. The financial markets want evidence that efforts will be made to control the public sector deficit. But, with many economists forecasting growth lower than the Treasury's 1 per cent this year, there is a clear risk that recovery could be snuffed out if fiscal policy is tightened in March.

In its January monthly monetary report, introduced as part of the government's drive towards more openness in policy-making, the Treasury yesterday pointed out mixed signals on the economy. A rise in M0 to above the middle of its target range, coupled with improved retail sales and car purchases, suggested that consumer demand is strengthening. But broad money and the housing market remained weak and employment fell sharply in the third quarter. The Treasury pointed to further progress on inflation but focused on the recent caution about lowering interest rates any further.

Commenting on the Treasury's policy of openness, including publication of a monthly monetary report, the Commons committee complains that it does not go far enough: "What is proposed might be described as glasnost without perestroika." The MPs suggest that officials' advice should be published, or at least the advice from the Bank of England Governor to the Chancellor.

Clearly unconvinced by the various statements from the Chancellor on monetary policy since sterling left the ERM in September, the committee demands a "clear evaluation of the various indicators and targets used in the formulation of monetary policy" to be in the Budget in March.

Also included in the report is a post-mortem on sterling's ERM debacle. Although the MPs steer clear of direct criticism of the Chancellor, they call for publication of the costs of intervention to support sterling, and for clearer lines of communication when currencies are set to be realigned.

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In focus: Stanley Kalms, chairman, said like-for-like operating profits in the first half were 33.5 per cent up

Dixons hit by $40m US shutdown

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

RETAILERS continue to report widely mixed fortunes over the Christmas trading period, with the computer games and electrical appliances on offer from Dixons Group apparently more popular than highly priced toiletries and womenswear.

Dixons said sales at its British stores were 17 per cent higher than last year in the eight weeks up to Christmas and in the first fortnight of the January sales.

In its first half, to November 14, the company achieved an 11 per cent sales rise and a 33.5 per cent increase in like-for-like operating profits, to £20.7 million, from the British operations. These take in the Dixons and Currys chains.

But the improvement was overshadowed by a deterioration at the group's American arm, Silo, and the proposed closure of 45 stores in the Midwest at a cost of $40 million, which will come off second-half profits.

The shares plunged 29p to 225p, much of the fall coming after the group had outlined to the City its strategy on Silo, which will require further investment and is not expected to return to profit for two to three years.

Interim pre-tax profits from Dixons were £14.2 million, against a figure last year of £17.5 million, which was swollen by a £5 million one-off gain from the release of earlier provisions. The group is maintaining the interim dividend at 1.6p, despite earnings per share down from 1.6p to 1p. Silo lost £14.9 million, £4 million more than last time, at the operating level.

Stanley Kalms, the Dixons chairman, said Christmas sales, and those since, had been "excellent". This was particularly true of computer products, including hand-held consoles and games, of which hundreds of thousands had been sold.

But this was no evidence of a firm recovery. "You would have to be pretty stupid or foolhardy to say that the good days are back again," he said.

Dixons will continue to be judged in the City by the performance of Silo, which Mr Kalms insisted he would persevere with. "The path may be difficult," he said, "but the rewards of ultimate success may be very high, in the largest market for consumer durables in the world."

Asked if the $320 million purchase in 1987 had been a mistake, he merely commented: "You can form your own conclusions."

Two niche retailers, Anita Roddick's Body Shop International and Alexon, the fashion retailer, best known for its Dash brand, had a tough time in the run-up to Christmas.

Body Shop, which shocked analysts in September with news that half-way profits would not be up to scratch, warned the market yesterday that like-for-like sales in Britain for the two months to Boxing Day were down 8 per cent. The shares, worth 370p less than a year ago, plunged 15p to 153p. Gordon Roddick, the chairman, said sales in November and early December had been disappointing but had picked up a fortnight before Christmas, which had arrived late for retailers.

Lawrence Snyder, chairman of Alexon, said the group would just about break even at the taxable level in the financial year to January 31 after Christmas sales that were well below last year's. There would be no final dividend.

Alexon shares, which fell sharply on Monday, when news of the profits warning apparently leaked to the market, lost another 9p, closing at 68p.

FNFC poised for rights issue

BY JON ASHWORTH

FIRST National Finance Corporation, the troubled consumer credit group, is poised to announce a £47 million rights issue intended to repair damage inflicted by bad debts.

FNFC said that it was discussing with its advisers a possible rights issue of convertible preference shares. Results for the year to end-October, due tomorrow, are expected to show a loss for the year of about £32 million. The group lost £34 million last year.

FNFC made a pre-tax loss of £23 million in the first half, but improvements in its main area of consumer finance are expected. The commercial banking arm remains a loss-maker.

FNFC issued its statement in response to press reports hinting at an imminent £50 million rights issue. Tom Wrigley, chief executive, refused to comment further.

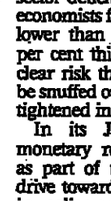
The rights issue will be the first attempt at raising funds since October when FNFC raised £190 million by securitising a portfolio of consumer loans. No ordinary dividend is being recommended for the year.

The revaluation of the group's offices, write-offs in the discontinued property division and a disposal are expected to result in extraordinary costs of about £8.5 million. That compares with extraordinary write-downs of £17 million in the first half.

Stricter management controls helped First National Bank, the consumer credit arm, back into the black in the second half. However, First National Commercial Banking, which provides loans for small businesses, continues to show a loss. The shares were unchanged at 52p.

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Enjoying a franc exchange of déjà vu



ANATOLE KALETSKY

There was one question on everyone's lips, yesterday, at the oddly fraternal peace conference between financial speculators and monetary officials organised by the G7 Council in Frankfurt. Would France succeed, where Britain and Italy had failed, in preserving its link with the German mark?

From George Soros and Paul Tudor Jones, the two speculators who made enormous profits by betting against sterling last year, to the central bankers and managers of big international investment houses, the answer was almost unanimous: the Bank of France, with the support of the Bundesbank, would win. To sell the franc was to take on the two most powerful and sophisticated central banks in Europe. It was also to defy economic logic: as Michel Sapin, the French finance minister, asserted in a passionate plea for support on Tuesday night, France had the lowest inflation, the highest growth and the strongest current account in Europe.

M Sapin's facts were right, but they begged two other questions. First, if the usual suspects are not selling francs, who is? The franc keeps falling to its ERM floor, despite intervention, so somebody must be selling. The likely culprits are the people the French government has most reason to fear — citizens of France, and trading companies, trying to hedge against possible losses if the franc leaves the ERM. Sellers like these are not easily deterred by intervention or high interest rates.

The second question should be even more troubling to France. If the French fundamentals are so healthy, why does the government need to crucify its economy with 12 per cent interest rates and why is it warning of a calamity if the franc disengaged from the mark?

As Karl Otto Pöhl, the former Bundesbank president, put it, in a devastatingly mischievous introduction to the French finance minister's remarks: "The franc is not stable. It is floating freely against the dollar, yen, lire and pound. So why is France so determined to preserve a fixed exchange rate just against Germany? If France would let the franc float, wouldn't that give it the same room for manoeuvre as the other countries that have now taken their currencies out of the ERM?" M Sapin never answered the question. Instead he delivered a speech straight out of the French edition of the collected works of Major and Lamont. Word for word, he repeated Mr Major's diatribes against the horrors of devaluation, complete even with metaphors, forecasts and historical digressions from the British Treasury's phrase book: There are "no miracle cures in economics"; devaluation has never produced "a durable drop in interest rates"; floating exchange rates led to the trade wars and depression of the 1930s.

Nothing M Sapin or his permanent secretary, Jean-Claude Trichet, said in Frankfurt suggested any economic justification for fighting to the death to keep the franc at 3.43 to the mark. The French claimed that sticking to this parity was necessary for monetary union. But as Wim Duisenberg, the head of the Netherlands central bank, noted, what threatened the ERM and the prospects for EMU was not the possibility of orderly realignment, but the failure of member governments to operate the system according to its relatively flexible rules.

In France as in Britain, the exchange rate against the mark has become a political totem, the defence of which is an end in itself, unconnected with economics or even with the prospects of monetary union. Among the speculators, French stubbornness still excites admiration. But as the March election approaches, enthusiasm could suddenly turn to alarm. As one investment manager, who still backs the franc, put it: "The Bank of France is like an old champion boxer, fighting for his title against a hungry young brute. The first few rounds, you admire the champ's skill and you are awed by his reputation. But then it's round 10 and 11 and the hooks are still flying. You begin to wonder, how long can the old guy take it?"

David Mulford, until recently America's top international monetary official, used a more dignified and profound image: "I didn't participate in the discussion of the French exchange rate this morning because I feel uneasy with religious disputes."

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Gatt talks in deadlock over tariffs

■ Trade negotiations stalled yet again, this time after hitting an impasse on tariffs on industrial goods, with America pressing for more reductions

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

LINGERING hopes that negotiators could give world trade talks a crucial shove towards early agreement before Bill Clinton is inaugurated as US president next Tuesday have evaporated, according to trade diplomats and officials.

George Bush, the outgoing President, had been pressing for a breakthrough on an accord to liberalise trade in agricultural goods and services, and further to reduce tariffs on manufactured goods.

Despite attempts this week to raise the pace of negotiations at the Geneva headquarters of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), American and European Community negotiators appear to have reached stalemate on reducing, or removing, tariffs on industrial goods.

The Americans want zero tariffs for more sectors; the Community has demanded that Washington lowers the tariff "peaks" it imposes on certain imports, such as textiles.

Some sources said proposals for new wording on anti-dumping and intellectual property rights had presented a greater obstacle than the discord on tariffs. With the transatlantic deal on farm subsidies still vigorously opposed by the French, and little progress in talks on services, the negotiators were yesterday forced to postpone until Monday a key meeting that had been scheduled for tomorrow.

Gatt officials said the meeting of the trade negotiations committee, which had hoped to strike an outline deal, had been delayed to gain time. It would be wrong to raise hopes of anything more than a "few steps forward" before Mr Clinton's inauguration.

The president-elect's team has failed to give the clear signal that Geneva negotiators were seeking. Without an indication that Mr Clinton would endorse a "pre-cooked" basic deal, Community negotiators have been unwilling to make hasty concessions.

Mr Clinton, who wants an agreement to give Americans a "fair" deal, could decide against trying to beat the March 2 deadline that Congress has set for approving the trade agreement, without picking it to pieces. He should have no difficulty in securing support for an extension of the "fast-track" authorisation.



Lease of life: David McErlain, chairman, is optimistic about long-term prospects

Southern Business advances

By Philip Pangalos

SOUTHERN Business Group, which leases equipment ranging from photocopiers to drinks vending machines, is raising its dividend after continuing to buck tough market conditions with a small advance in full-year profits.

A combination of organic growth and acquisitions helped the group, based in Surrey, to push pre-tax profits to £15.3 million in the year to September 30, against £14.4 million last time. Turnover grew 12.3 per cent to £57.3 million.

David McErlain, the chairman, said: "To be able to announce increased turnover and profits this year is an excellent performance. Our customers have suffered the effects of recession. Longer term, our exceptionally strong financial position and ability to finance our customers independent of third party finance houses, together with our leading position in our industry, will enable the group to benefit from the substantial opportunities ahead."

The company demonstrated its confidence with a final payout of 2.23p, raising the total for the year 15 per cent to 3.38p (2.94p). Earnings rose to 10.62p a share, from 10.07p last time. The shares added 4p to 115p.

Food group cuts links with some small shops

By Jon Ashworth

RECESSION is squeezing corner shopkeepers. Watson & Philip, the Dundee food distributor and retailer, says that up to 5 per cent of its small grocery and mixed goods clients are no longer creditworthy.

The company, which owns the Alldays convenience store chain and supplies about a third of Spar and VG stores, made a pre-tax profit of £10.3 million in the 53 weeks to October 31. This compares with £11.9 million in the previous 52 weeks.

Ian Macpherson, chairman, said: "We have ceased to do business with a lot of shop owners because they are no longer creditworthy, and are nursing others." Wholesale sales to the independent sector have dropped by 10 to 20 per cent in the past year.

The Alldays chain outperformed the independents. Trading profits from retail services and retail stores declined to £6.8 million (£8.4 million). Profits from Cash & Carry rose to £3.1 million (£2.7 million). Foodservice profits increased to £738,000 (£690,000).

The company widened its institutional shareholder base yesterday with the placing of a 16.2 per cent stake. The shares were mainly held by Ron Jacques and his family. Mr Jacques was formerly chairman of Amalgamated Foods, which Watson & Philip bought in 1991. The shares fell 11p to 273p but rallied to close 1p up at 285p.

A final dividend of 9.1p (8.8p) makes a total for the year of 13.3p (12.8p).

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Airtours admits bid rule infringement

AIRTOURS, the holiday operator bidding £220 million for Owners Abroad, its rival, admitted that one of its non-executive directors held a shareholding in Owners which, contrary to City takeover panel rules, was not announced at the time of the bid.

Sir Michael Bishop, chairman of British Midlands Airways, holds stakes in both Airtours and Owners. His 58,000 Owners shares, held through a nominee account, were bought in 1989. Airtours, which is expected to launch its formal offer document today, can expect a reprimand from the takeover panel. A spokesman for the company said the omission was unintentional. All relevant stakes would be shown in the formal offer document.

Kelt recovery goes on

KELT Energy, the independent oil company, has continued its trading turnround, with an interim after-tax profit of £629,000 (£4.9 million loss) in the six months to September 30. There was a net profit of £203,000 in the year to last March. The company says the results were free of distortions caused by a financial reorganisation in 1991. Earnings of 0.4p a share compared with a 9.6p loss last time. There is again no dividend. Development of UK oil and gas fields were completed on schedule and within budget, Kelt says.

Welsh Water cleans up

WELSH Water plans to spend £100 million, on top of £500 million already announced, on improving the treatment of sewage around the Welsh coast. John Elfed Jones, chairman, said the spend would be phased, spread over 136 locations, and could equate to £100 per household. The additional programme should guarantee by 1997 that none of its sewage will foul any of Wales' 51 EC-listed bathing beaches. Welsh Water said. The group is already committed to spending £500 million to comply with EC legislation.

Dudley cuts payout

DUDLEY Jenkins Group, the London supplier of direct mail services, has cut its interim dividend to 1p (1.35p) a share in spite of announcing a healthy increase in first-half earnings. Pre-tax profits rose 51 per cent to £383,000 (£254,000) in the six months to end-October and turnover increased to £5.2 million (£4.7 million). Earnings per share were 2.71p (2.54p). Economic conditions in the United Kingdom remain difficult with little sign of an upturn in activity. The shares rose 1p to 44p.

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Global Gth Sec	58.44	62.16	- 0.11	3.20
Ethical Growth	61.02	64.91	- 0.04	2.97
High Inc Equity	139.80	148.70r	- 0.30	5.72
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European Inc	71.02	75.35r	+ 0.19	1.78
Exempt	866.10	892.80r	+ 0.40	3.43
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Equity Inc	194.50	207.50r	- 1.10	5.06
High Yield	214.40	229.10	- 1.40	4.54
Balanced	595.20	636.20r	- 3.30	2.96
American Inc	43.20	46.18	- 0.21	3.68
Wld Asset Val	33.84	36.17	...	2.13
Japan	128.50	136.50r	- 1.70	0.01
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-do- Inc	211.90	225.50	- 1.40	3.16
Higher Inc Acc	518.80	552.00	- 1.70	4.46
-do- Inc	320.00	340.50	- 1.00	4.46
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	166.80	176.10	- 0.10	7.21
-do- Inc	89.90	94.95	- 0.06	7.21
Nth America	254.20	270.50	+ 1.90	...
Far East	228.30	242.90	+ 1.40	3.12
Europe	190.70	202.90	+ 0.40	1.23
General Inc	397.10	422.50	- 2.30	2.81
-do- Acc	432.40	460.10	- 2.50	2.81
Brit Excell	60.42	64.28	- 0.40	3.26
Brit Fndmtls Inc	61.14	65.05	- 0.19	5.10
Brit Fndmtls Acc	77.89	82.87	- 0.24	5.10
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Capital	102.50	109.70	- 0.40	3.34
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Extra Inc	97.24	104.00	- 0.40	5.86
General	225.80	241.50	- 0.50	3.61
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.18	58.13r	- 0.04	9.09
Income	445.50	476.50	- 1.60	5.25
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Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	48.27	51.62r	- 0.01	7.60
Eastern	162.80	175.30	+ 3.10	1.70
Equity Income	71.58	76.14	- 0.11	6.70
European Gth	200.90	213.60	- 0.30	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	137.70	147.60r	+ 0.50	2.00
Exempt	77.40	79.61	- 1.29	3.90
German Growth	47.50	50.67	- 0.08	0.80
Global Growth	98.18	104.90r	+ 0.40	...
Japan Growth	143.30	153.70	- 0.80	...
Japan Sunrise	120.30	128.40	- 0.20	...
Portfolio	108.90	116.40	- 0.20	3.40
-do- Acc	192.40	205.90	- 0.20	3.40
UK Growth	68.93	73.32	+ 0.15	3.20
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Smlr Cos Acc	76.20	81.49	+ 0.01	1.81
-do- Inc	70.47	75.37	+ 0.01	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	51.86	55.47	+ 0.46	0.29
-do- Inc	50.89	54.43	+ 0.45	0.29
Euro Gth Acc	86.05	93.10	+ 0.84	1.78
-do- Inc	86.24	92.24	+ 0.83	1.78
Mngd P folio	30.93	33.08	+ 0.08	1.54
Pacific Growth	78.70	84.17	+ 0.32	1.17
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High Inc	67.77	72.17	- 0.07	6.51
Income	114.90	122.90	- 0.50	4.72
Mngd P folio Inc	83.59	89.02	+ 0.16	2.34
-do- Acc	156.50	166.70	+ 0.30	...
North American	101.10	108.30r	- 1.00	0.20
Orient	90.22	97.06	+ 0.05	...
Recovery	32.50	34.94r	+ 0.14	3.38
German	36.31	38.93	+ 0.16	0.10
Intl Growth	30.45	32.43	+ 0.27	0.24
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Inv Portfolio	63.46	65.77	+ 0.10	2.51
-do- Acc	71.09	73.69	+ 0.11	2.50
Smaller Cos	105.20	112.00r	+ 0.10	2.42
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Japan Gth Acc	30.06	31.98	- 0.27	...
Managed	56.79	60.41	- 0.20	3.32
-do- Acc	68.59	72.97	- 0.23	3.32
Mthly Inc Plus	45.01	47.88	+ 0.01	8.89
Smaller Cos	29.91	31.82	+ 0.01	2.60
-do- Acc	32.92	35.02	+ 0.01	2.60
UK General	64.68	68.81r	- 0.53	3.17
-do- Acc	77.57	82.52	- 0.64	3.17
W'wide Bd	59.28	63.06	+ 0.44	6.21
-do- Acc	74.28	79.02	+ 0.55	6.21
W'wide Sp Sits	47.52	50.82r	+ 0.12	0.34
-do- Acc	49.41	52.84	+ 0.13	0.34
Quilter General	115.59	122.97	- 0.34	2.58
-do- Acc	127.23	135.35	- 0.37	2.58
Quilter Income	84.45	89.84r	- 0.32	4.37
-do- Acc	104.05	110.70	- 0.40	4.37
Quilter Intl	111.68	118.81	+ 0.67	0.38
-do- Acc	113.22	120.45	+ 0.68	0.38
Quilter UK Spec	64.78	68.91	- 0.36	3.28
-do- Acc	85.70	91.17	- 0.48	3.28
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Fixed Conv	39.10	41.60	+ 0.02	7.82
-do- Acc	100.30	106.70	+ 0.07	7.82
Equity Inc	134.15	142.71	- 0.19	4.48
-do- Acc	423.48	450.51	- 0.60	4.48
High Yield	107.94	114.83r	- 0.30	5.54
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PPT N Amer	137.14	145.89	+ 1.11	...
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PPT UK	109.41	116.39	- 0.84	1.70
PPT Cash	90.58	90.58	+ 0.01	5.76
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	65.22	69.38	+ 0.71	1.14
Japanese Acc	42.88	45.62	- 0.24	...
UK Balncd Inc	117.70	125.20r	- 0.10	2.56
-do- Acc	137.20	146.00r	- 0.20	2.56
UK Growth Acc	196.30	208.80	+ 0.10	2.31
UK High Inc	123.80	131.70	...	7.21
-do- Acc	146.20	155.50	...	7.21
N America Acc	105.80	112.60	+ 1.10	0.34
European Acc	132.70	141.20	- 0.50	0.50
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.06	62.68r	- 0.06	9.80
-do- Acc	94.04	99.80r	- 0.10	9.80
Intl Sp Sits Acc	41.08	43.70	+ 0.18	0.26
Environmntl Opp	68.48	72.85	- 0.11	1.52
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	99.08	105.30	- 0.30	...
UK Smlr Cos	163.20	173.40	+ 0.20	1.44
Eurofund	33.69	35.61r	- 0.15	1.72
Mngd Exempt	150.80	163.40	- 2.40	3.21
Growth Inc	203.70	216.40	- 1.40	4.16
High Dist	128.20	136.20	- 0.40	6.35
International	293.20	311.50	- 1.70	1.04
Intl Income	72.99	77.92r	- 0.05	3.34
Pacific	49.42	52.51	+ 0.08	0.57
Smllr Jap Cos	49.35	52.43r	- 0.09	...
Tokyo	145.50	154.70	- 2.30	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan Exempt	82.63	84.90	- 1.12	0.59
Sm Jap Exempt	416.10	427.50	- 11.80	0.12
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	154.60	164.40	...	1.27
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	99.34	104.57	- 0.69	3.91
High Income	111.27	117.13	- 0.39	5.39
Tst of Inv Tsts	127.16	133.85	- 0.11	2.86
Special Sits	77.13	81.19	- 0.21	3.62
North American	99.62	104.86	- 0.52	1.13
Far Eastern	186.41	196.22	- 0.30	1.62
Intl Growth	82.06	86.38	- 0.10	1.62
European	56.47	59.44	- 0.05	2.30
Smaller Cos	62.83	66.14r	+ 0.11	2.68
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	203.40	214.60	+ 1.60	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.70
European Tst	95.79	101.90	+ 0.20	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	81.79	86.57	+ 0.37	0.75
Far Eastern	103.40	110.80	- 0.20	...
Overs Income	78.72	84.23r	+ 0.56	2.97
UK Growth	86.55	92.57r	- 0.63	1.44
UK Income	94.72	101.30	- 0.10	4.18
US Smaller Cos	204.20	218.40	+ 1.50	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	400.20	427.90	+ 1.20	...
-do- Acc	408.90	437.20	+ 1.30	...
Capital	265.50	282.40	+ 0.40	2.48
-do- Acc	366.50	389.80	+ 0.40	2.48
Conv Smllr Cos	40.57	43.58	+ 0.19	1.47
-do- Acc	41.98	45.09	+ 0.19	1.47
Convertible	103.60	110.20r	- 0.10	6.70
-do- Acc	191.30	203.40r	- 0.10	6.70
European	86.05	91.98	+ 0.26	1.07
-do- Acc	88.92	95.04	+ 0.26	1.07
Extra Income	265.20	282.00	- 0.90	4.81
-do- Acc	365.50	388.70	- 1.10	4.81
Financial	91.67	97.51	+ 1.24	0.88
-do- Acc	95.40	101.40	+ 1.30	0.88
Health Fund Inc	126.70	135.30	+ 0.80	...
-do- Acc	126.70	135.30	+ 0.80	...
Income Tst	163.20	173.50r	- 0.70	4.42
-do- Acc	227.40	241.80r	- 1.00	4.42
Intl Growth	282.80	302.00	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	314.00	335.30	+ 0.20	...
Japan Gen	121.00	129.60	- 0.20	...
-do- Acc	122.20	130.90	- 0.20	...
Mngd P folio Inc	83.69	88.09	+ 0.04	1.96
-do- Acc	86.42	90.96	+ 0.04	1.96
Monthly Income	132.30	140.70r	- 0.10	4.96
Recovery	260.20	278.20	+ 0.10	0.78
-do- Acc	303.50	324.50	...	0.78
Gilt Gth Tst	59.44	61.29	- 0.07	7.48
-do- Acc	74.62	76.95	- 0.09	7.48
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411422				
Equity Dist	330.96	352.09	- 1.04	2.90
-do- Acc	668.28	710.91	- 2.10	2.90
Euro Gth Dist	92.55	98.46	+ 0.15	1.17
-do- Acc	95.32	101.40	+ 0.16	1.17
Fixed Int Dist	126.31	133.60r	- 0.11	6.94
-do- Acc	209.63	221.74r	- 0.19	6.94
Intl Gth Dist	66.47	70.71r	+ 0.28	0.81
-do- Acc	68.76	73.15r	+ 0.30	0.81
Nth Amer Dist	155.98	165.50r	+ 1.23	0.72
-do- Acc	169.04	179.35r	+ 1.34	0.72
Pac Basin Dist	193.04	205.36r	+ 2.10	0.43
-do- Acc	196.10	208.62r	+ 2.13	0.43
Stewardship Dist	275.51	293.10	- 0.88	2.05
-do- Acc	325.96	346.77	- 1.04	2.05
Swd Inc Dist	56.66	60.28	- 0.05	4.06
-do- Acc	69.10	73.51	- 0.06	4.06
N Am Stwd Dist	87.91	93.52r	+ 0.69	0.04
-do- Acc	93.05	98.99r	+ 0.73	0.04
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	131.40	140.70	+ 0.80	...
European	351.00	374.70	+ 1.70	1.02
Far East General	175.70	187.10r	+ 1.80	0.34
Germany	85.26	90.27	+ 0.73	0.44
Global Assets In	59.92	64.09	+ 0.03	2.34
Global Assets Ac	62.79	67.16	+ 0.04	2.31
Income	99.63	106.60	+ 0.30	7.42
International	220.30	236.00	+ 0.70	1.06
Intl Income	67.81	72.19r	+ 0.34	4.96
Japan General	272.80	289.70	+ 0.20	...
Smllr Cos Div	42.45	45.40r	- 0.09	6.20
UK Capital Inc	142.20	152.10	- 0.70	4.17
-do- Acc	241.70	257.90	- 1.10	4.10
UK Spec Sits	62.99	67.37	- 0.21	1.69
US General	100.50	107.00	+ 0.70	0.11
W'wide Spec Sits	103.20	110.40	+ 0.40	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	41.36	44.24	- 0.13	1.22
Cash Trust	126.81	126.81	+ 0.02	6.23
Pract Inv Inc	94.63	101.48	- 0.32	4.36
-do- Acc	202.02	216.64	- 0.71	4.36
UK Smaller Cos	91.00	97.59	- 0.18	2.04
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.10	25.78	- 0.36	8.69
High Inc	28.72	30.72	- 0.01	5.79
UK Equity Inc	119.34	127.64	- 0.42	4.72
Intl Fxd Int	27.78	28.79r	+ 0.20	5.94
International Funds				
Gold Intl	56.32	60.40	+ 0.44	1.92
Frontier Markets	37.28	39.98	+ 0.02	0.38
Global Inc Gth	109.73	117.17	+ 0.77	3.03
UK Intl	102.16	109.28r	- 1.96	1.30
Overseas Funds				
American	118.44	126.54	+ 1.37	0.59
European	72.48	76.87	+ 0.46	0.81
Euro Sel Opps	83.06	88.35	+ 0.58	1.35
American Emerg	67.90	72.81r	+ 1.02	...
Hong Kong	93.06	99.80	+ 2.36	2.33
Japan	146.48	156.89	- 0.15	...
Pacific Growth	124.90	133.94	+ 1.28	0.60
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0529				
Intl Growth	107.18	114.63	+ 0.48	0.95
American Gth	111.06	118.79	+ 1.18	0.35
European Gth	59.95	64.12	- 0.29	0.82
German Horizn	41.64	44.44	+ 0.09	0.92
Japan Gth	55.79	59.67	- 0.32	...
Pacific Inc	108.75	116.31	+ 1.05	3.22
Pacific Strategy	89.67	95.91	+ 0.34	...
UK Prog Inc	68.14	72.88	+ 0.69	6.11
Gt British Cos	45.95	48.72	...	2.00
UK Small Cos	39.67	42.42	...	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9666				
Cash	129.50	129.50	...	5.60
Gilt Fixed	115.90	123.00	- 0.10	6.83
Growth Equity	274.40	293.10	- 0.40	2.32
Guardhill	402.30	429.30	- 1.80	2.56

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Income Trust	97.44	104.10r	- 0.40	4.81
International	136.10	145.30	+ 0.80	0.28
Japan Trust	92.07	98.36	- 0.48	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	233.70	249.60	+ 2.30	0.47
Pacific	293.30	313.70	- 0.70	...
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	294.20	314.30r	+ 2.40	0.47
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838888				
Global Adv Inc	32.33	34.28	...	1.88
-do- Acc	33.70	35.73	...	1.88
Inc Adv Inc	27.36	29.01r	- 0.10	4.59
-do- Acc	28.21	29.91	- 0.10	4.59
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	59.19	63.41	+ 0.07	0.68
Equity Income	103.00	109.60	+ 0.10	4.04
European	122.00	129.00	- 0.30	1.60
Intl Situation	65.18	69.34	+ 0.12	...
Japanese	99.66	106.10	- 0.90	...
North American	94.67	100.40	+ 0.96	0.07
Scandinavian	94.14	99.59	+ 0.10	0.62
Smaller Cos	27.94	29.72r	- 0.61	2.69
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	85.86	91.82	+ 0.98	...
Asian Enterprise	102.43	109.85r	+ 0.22	1.40
Australian	110.65	118.27	+ 0.86	1.36
European	316.05	334.65	+ 1.54	1.28
European Inc	61.52	65.08	+ 0.35	2.47
Euro Smll Co	105.62	112.99	+ 0.96	1.46
Extra Income	238.36	253.79r	- 0.54	5.64
Family of Funds	62.40	66.61r	- 0.22	2.02
Fixed Interest	53.74	57.47r	+ 0.09	9.58
Global Resour	69.74	74.85	- 0.41	1.70
High Inc	256.43	274.11	- 1.08	5.01
Income Gth	216.71	230.78r	- 1.02	4.22
-do- Acc	545.34	580.77r	- 2.56	4.22
International	201.78	214.66	+ 0.10	0.95
Japan Spc Sit	166.35	176.92	- 0.59	...
Japan	142.08	151.03r	- 0.26	...
N Amer	217.29	231.14r	+ 2.12	0.15
Pacific Smllr Cos	138.78	148.93	+ 1.01	1.56
Pref Gilt	44.74	48.62	- 0.06	9.71
Smaller Cos Div	146.70	158.80	- 0.34	4.72
Special Sits	236.69	253.25	- 0.88	1.70
-do- Acc	362.49	387.86	- 1.34	1.70
Best of British	51.92	55.71	- 0.28	2.52
Spirit of the East	46.39	49.57	- 0.02	0.74
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	82.87	88.53	- 0.56	2.75
Capital	142.60	152.50	- 0.40	2.58
Dollar	280.40	299.80	- 2.40	0.28
European	169.40	181.10	+ 0.15	0.84
Far East	194.20	207.70r	+ 1.20	0.89
Financial	580.20	620.50	- 0.10	2.96
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.13	26.10	- 0.02	8.88
High Yield	88.87	95.04r	- 2.34	5.77
Income	121.80	130.20	- 1.60	4.20
Intl	187.00	200.00r	+ 0.04	0.59
Japan Tech	49.10	52.51r	- 0.24	...
Nat Resources	47.92	51.52	+ 0.05	0.66
Security	275.60	295.00	- 2.00	2.62
Smaller Cos	98.93	105.80	+ 0.10	2.02
Special Sits	122.80	131.00	- 0.50	2.76
US Smaller Cos	66.80	71.44	+ 0.14	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	225.90	237.80	+ 0.20	1.51
Capital Gwth	99.37	104.60	...	2.57
Inv Trusts	111.20	117.10	...	0.82
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	20.51	21.92	+ 0.12	2.16
Special Features	25.04	26.60	- 0.10	1.84
-do- Acc	29.37	31.20	- 0.11	1.84
General Funds				
UK Growth	48.99	52.50	- 0.30	2.76
Assets Earnings	67.03	71.21	- 0.34	2.19
do Acc	78.12	83.00	- 0.40	2.19
Managed Invest	74.34	79.49	+ 0.08	1.46
Expert Children	71.75	76.59	- 0.36	1.58
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	51.32	51.32	+ 0.01	5.96
Extra Inc	72.66	78.20	- 0.70	5.06
Gilt	26.70	28.11r	- 0.01	7.41
Income Gth	35.64	38.13	- 0.15	3.72
MINstar	74.06	75.99	- 0.04	8.67
Preference	17.03	18.09r	- 0.02	7.43
UK Income	282.70	302.50	- 0.60	3.80
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	47.69	50.62r	+ 0.13	2.04
Property Shares	50.72	53.89	+ 0.24	2.60
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	131.00	137.60	...	3.77
European Acc	97.88	103.70	+ 0.50	2.20
European Dist	93.17	98.72	+ 0.47	2.20
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	45.69	48.97	+ 0.48	1.05
European Perf	91.65	97.16	+ 0.53	1.43
-do- Acc	93.36	98.98	+ 0.54	1.43
Euro Small Cos	17.20	18.32	+ 0.14	1.08
French Growth	59.35	62.94	+ 0.02	0.84
-do- Acc	62.75	66.55	+ 0.03	0.84
Hong K/China	55.13	59.08r	+ 1.48	1.92
Intl Growth	44.19	46.95	+ 0.22	0.93
-do- Acc	44.19	46.95	+ 0.22	1.13
Japan Perf	23.24	24.68	- 0.09	...
Accum Units	23.24	24.68	- 0.09	...
Japan Smllr Cos	25.38	26.93	+ 0.01	...
Singapore Asean	60.42	65.50	+ 0.30	0.75
-do- Acc	60.80	65.90	+ 0.30	0.75
South East Asia	183.50	198.30	+ 2.90	1.07
US Smllr Cos	102.30	108.60	- 0.70	...
-do- Acc	103.40	109.80	- 0.70	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	73.10	77.90r	+ 0.57	3.05
Intl Bond	53.97	54.69	+ 0.29	6.79
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.35	68.69r	...	6.46
Extra Income	47.46	50.49r	- 0.29	7.63
Gilt Yield	115.40	121.70r	- 0.20	8.38
Global Income	172.40	183.40r	- 1.60	4.66
High Yield	119.30	126.90r	- 0.34	6.86
Smllr Cos Div	40.35	42.93	+ 0.04	6.43
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	83.60	88.94	+ 0.20	...
North American	70.65	75.16r	+ 0.19	0.25
European	114.70	122.00r	- 0.20	0.98
Euro Special	69.29	73.71	+ 0.05	1.13
General	250.10	266.10r	- 6.20	3.62
Japan	284.60	302.80	- 2.60	...
Japanese Special	153.20	163.00	- 0.80	...
Master Acc	196.00	208.50	- 0.50	1.58
Pacific	210.40	223.80	- 0.10	0.42
Smaller Cos	88.32	93.96r	+ 2.04	2.46
UK Equity Gth	31.81	33.84	...	2.93
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	64.57	68.69r	+ 0.12	0.99
Extra Income	22.63	24.07r	- 0.13	3.83

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East	30.71	33.03	- 0.12	0.94
Income Gwth	68.32	72.68	- 0.32	3.05
Intl Growth	45.02	47.89	- 0.11	1.00
Japan	46.01	48.95	- 0.19	...
Maximum Dist*	100.90	102.90	...	8.33
N Amer Equity	37.04	39.40r	+ 0.38	0.45
UK Equity	81.24	86.43	- 0.28	2.93
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	48.45	52.61r	- 0.38	5.06
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690595				
Equity Dist	398.20	424.20	- 2.30	3.11
Equity Acc	751.00	798.60	- 4.20	3.11
Equity Income	83.43	88.70r	- 0.50	4.98
European	83.59	88.93	+ 0.31	1.06
Far Eastern	139.40	148.30	+ 0.40	0.38
Fixed Interest	48.40	51.55r	- 0.05	8.77
Gilt	87.76	93.06	- 0.14	6.72
Global Growth	55.03	58.54r	+ 0.05	1.14
Intl Bond	52.50	55.95	+ 0.36	5.59
Japanese	48.96	52.09	- 0.11	...
Overseas Equity	81.06	86.23r	+ 0.12	0.89
Pacific Gth	68.38	72.74	+ 0.66	1.43
North American	128.00	136.20	+ 1.20	1.37
UK Recovery	69.55	73.99	- 0.17	3.22
UK Smllr Cos	92.38	98.28r	- 0.30	2.50
Worldwide	68.12	72.47	- 0.06	3.04
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Manchester Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	296.20	315.20	...	3.16
-do- Acc	641.20	682.20	...	3.16
Contl Euro Gth	44.78	47.14	...	1.63
-do- Acc	47.35	49.85	...	1.63
Extra Inc	223.10	237.40	...	4.33
-do- Acc	542.70	577.40	...	4.33
German Gth	85.57	91.13	...	0.31
-do- Acc	90.79	95.57	...	0.31
Income	413.80	440.30	...	4.11
-do- Acc	1049.0	1116.0	...	4.11
Japan Growth	68.23	72.59	...	0.01
-do- Acc	68.47	72.85	...	0.01
Master Trust	48.20	51.28	...	1.25
-do- Acc	52.43	55.78	...	1.25
N American Gen	174.30	185.50	...	0.01
-do- Acc	201.40	214.30	...	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	128.80	137.10	...	0.01
-do- Acc	131.50	139.60	...	0.01
Pacific Basin	168.40	179.20	...	0.61
-do- Acc	177.20	188.60	...	0.61
Small Cos Rec	271.90	289.30	...	2.60
-do- Acc	350.70	369.20	...	2.60
UK Growth	73.61	78.31r	...	2.43
-do- Acc	85.82	91.30	...	2.43
Worldwide Gth	243.70	259.30	...	0.41
-do- Acc	359.10	382.10	...	0.41
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	73.09	78.42	- 0.31	3.20
Income	54.35	58.53	- 0.17	6.50
International	49.57	53.19	+ 0.14	0.90
American	56.02	60.11r	+ 0.38	0.40
Japan	35.95	38.57	- 0.16	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	48.30	51.82	+ 0.01	2.20
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	361.10	381.60	+ 2.80	0.83
-do- Acc	444.60	469.90	+ 3.50	0.83
American Rec	356.30	376.60	+ 5.30	0.78
-do- Acc	407.60	431.10	+ 6.10	0.78
Am Sm Co Acc	111.00	117.30	+ 0.70	...
Australia Acc	116.40	123.00	+ 0.80	2.00
Capital	560.10	592.30	- 2.10	3.61
-do- Acc	609.80	644.80	- 2.30	3.61
Commodity Acc	330.90	349.90	+ 1.30	1.72
Compnd Gth	744.00	786.80	- 3.90	3.59
Dividend	30.70	32.90	- 0.10	5.07
-do- Acc	119.60	128.00	- 0.30	5.07
Equity Inc	257.70	275.70	- 0.50	6.28
European Div	50.90	54.40	+ 0.20	5.39
-do- Acc	56.90	60.70	+ 0.10	5.39
European Gen	331.60	350.70r	- 0.80	1.81
-do- Acc	414.30	438.20	- 1.10	1.81
Extra Yield	322.40	345.00	- 0.80	5.40
-do- Acc	926.50	991.40	- 2.30	5.40
Far Eastern	225.90	238.90	+ 2.60	1.60
-do- Acc	296.30	313.40	+ 3.50	1.60
Fund of Inv	435.40	460.40	+ 0.50	2.81
-do- Acc	785.60	830.70	+ 0.90	2.81
General	48.20	51.00r	- 0.20	4.28
-do- Acc	126.90	134.20	- 0.60	4.28
Gilt Fxd Int	60.10	60.10	- 0.20	9.29
do Acc	146.20	146.30	- 0.30	9.29
Gold	29.70	31.40r	+ 0.40	2.61
-do- Acc	34.70	36.60	+ 0.40	2.67
High Inc	21.30	22.50r	- 0.10	5.74
-do- Acc	78.90	83.40	- 0.30	5.74
Intl Growth	60.10	63.90	- 0.10	1.19
-do- Acc	103.30	109.90	+ 0.70	1.19
Intl Inc	78.30	83.40	+ 0.50	5.59
Japan Gen Acc	36.20	38.20	- 0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	103.10	109.10	- 0.10	0.10
Midland	44.90	47.50	- 0.10	5.15
-do- Acc	141.90	150.10	- 0.40	5.15
Recovery	31.30	33.50r	...	3.80
-do- Acc	49.30	52.70	...	3.80
Second Gen	52.70	55.70r	- 0.30	4.41
-do- Acc	128.70	136.10	- 1.00	4.41
Smaller Cos	32.00	35.00	...	4.15
-do- Acc	96.80	102.40	- 0.10	4.15
Trustee	33.90	35.80	- 0.40	4.71
Charibond 3	$108.85	...	- 0.20	9.91
Charifund 2	567.37	572.90	- 1.10	5.64
Pension ex 1	789.50	809.30	- 2.10	4.88
NAACIF Inc 3	343.75	...	- 0.30	8.35
-do- Acc 3	$1006.2	...	- 6.50	8.35
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	122.80	131.30r	- 0.23	2.81
-do- Acc	136.30	145.80r	- 0.23	2.81
UK Income	101.30	108.40r	- 0.37	3.42
-do- Acc	113.10	121.00r	- 0.37	3.42
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	67.40	72.06	+ 0.99	0.70
Far East (Pacific)	106.30	112.80	+ 1.30	0.51
Income Growth	66.49	70.58	- 0.19	3.92
European	58.16	61.74	+ 0.15	1.58
Nth American	52.13	55.33	+ 0.08	1.31
UK Growth	71.14	75.52	- 0.01	1.43
Intl Growth	78.50	83.33	+ 0.80	0.66
Charities	101.10	107.30	- 0.30	4.67
Intl Income	58.63	62.24r	+ 0.37	4.43
Japan	36.56	38.81	- 0.10	0.15
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	178.00	189.00	+ 1.70	...
-do- Acc	190.30	201.90	+ 1.80	...
Cash	101.40	101.40	...	7.11
-do- Acc	127.30	127.30	...	7.11
European Gth	171.00	181.20	+ 1.20	0.38
-do- Acc	183.10	194.00	+ 1.30	0.38
General	432.40	461.30	- 0.80	2.77
-do- Acc	810.70	864.80	- 1.40	2.77
Global Dist	125.90	132.30	+ 0.60	5.59
-do- Acc	138.00	145.00	+ 0.60	5.59
Income	128.20	136.70r	- 0.50	5.33
-do- Acc	184.30	196.60r	- 0.80	5.33
International	325.00	346.00r	+ 0.80	1.20
-do- Acc	431.40	459.40r	+ 1.30	1.20

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan	134.80	142.90r	- 0.50	...
-do- Acc	138.40	146.60r	- 0.50	...
New Europe	120.40	128.50	- 0.10	1.56
-do- Acc	120.40	128.50	- 0.10	1.56
Recovery	264.50	282.20	- 0.30	3.39
-do- Acc	330.40	352.50	- 0.30	3.39
European Inc	65.98	69.95r	+ 0.34	3.36
-do- Acc	83.71	88.74r	+ 0.43	3.36
Brit Blue Chip	67.64	72.11	- 0.20	3.70
-do- Acc	79.20	84.44	- 0.23	3.70
Portfolio	68.17	72.61	+ 0.02	3.32
-do- Acc	76.39	81.37	+ 0.03	3.32
Gold General	48.10	51.38	+ 0.48	4.72
-do- Acc	48.82	52.08	+ 0.48	4.72
Pacific	75.37	80.40	+ 1.02	0.71
-do- Acc	79.67	84.99	+ 1.09	0.71
UK Smaller Cos	45.68	48.73	+ 0.08	1.83
-do- Acc	50.79	54.18	+ 0.09	1.83
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 876				
Balanced Dist	54.13	57.89	- 0.04	3.66
-do- Acc	54.13	57.89	- 0.04	3.66
British Dist	73.28	78.37	- 0.29	2.75
-do- Acc	80.95	86.58	- 0.41	2.75
European Gth	145.70	155.40r	+ 0.30	0.29
-do- Acc	182.90	195.10	+ 0.40	0.29
Extra High Inc	62.82	66.19r	- 0.20	7.01
-do- Acc	109.60	117.20	- 0.30	7.01
Gilt Fixed Int	54.66	56.97r	- 0.03	7.33
-do- Acc	141.90	149.90	- 0.10	7.33
High Yield	197.80	211.60	- 1.00	5.55
-do- Acc	453.90	485.50	- 2.40	5.55
Income	254.60	272.30	- 1.30	4.47
-do- Acc	522.60	558.90	- 2.80	4.47
Japan Gth	238.40	254.90	- 1.20	...
-do- Acc	251.60	269.00	- 1.40	...
Mandarin Acc	78.96	84.45	+ 0.11	1.45
North American	153.40	164.10r	+ 1.60	0.44
-do- Acc	192.90	206.30	+ 2.00	0.44
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	237.50	252.60r	- 1.40	0.50
Cash Inc	100.06	100.06r	+ 0.01	5.59
Cash Acc	120.83	120.83r	+ 0.02	5.59
Euro Gth Acc	217.80	232.60r	+ 1.00	...
Europa	99.18	106.20	...	...
Intl Gth	144.30	153.90	+ 0.30	...
Japan Tracker	52.46	55.58	- 0.20	...
UK Equity Inc	132.00	142.30	- 0.20	3.52
-do- Acc	158.90	171.30	- 0.30	3.52
UK Ind Tracker	133.70	143.20	- 0.50	3.69
US Eq Ind Trkr	178.00	190.30	+ 1.90	1.39
-do- Acc	187.30	200.20	+ 2.00	1.39
Asian Trader	120.60	131.10	+ 1.90	1.19
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 973				
American Inc	162.40	165.90	+ 1.70	3.00
European	53.24	54.64	+ 0.11	1.37
Olympiad	45.93	48.13	+ 0.34	0.82
Global Bond	43.70	46.16	+ 0.25	3.73
Smaller Cos	53.47	57.81	- 0.01	2.03
Equity Income	85.85	88.39r	- 0.16	5.19
UK Growth	78.68	81.20	+ 0.08	1.87
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387738				
American Acc	43.94	46.86	+ 0.37	0.77
Australian Acc	262.60	280.20	+ 2.00	...
Conscience	59.68	63.69r	+ 0.74	1.44
-do- Acc	64.04	68.34	+ 0.79	1.44
European	149.10	159.00	...	1.36
-do- Acc	159.10	169.70	+ 0.10	1.36
Extra Income	68.06	72.63	- 0.17	6.20
-do- Acc	101.90	108.70	- 0.20	6.20
Far East Gth	125.30	133.90	+ 0.40	0.06
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.06	59.97	- 0.13	7.69
Gold	24.49	26.33	+ 0.08	...
-do- Acc	26.38	28.36	+ 0.10	...
Income	47.78	50.98r	- 0.15	5.59
-do- Acc	143.20	152.70	- 0.40	5.59
International	25.65	27.32	+ 0.10	0.98
-do- Acc	36.85	39.53	+ 0.14	0.98
Jap Sm Cos Acc	226.00	241.00	- 0.70	...
S pore Mly Acc	132.10	141.60	+ 2.20	...
Smllr Cos Acc	21.83	23.47r	- 0.03	2.05
Special Sits	29.59	31.81	- 0.10	1.92
-do- Acc	33.76	36.30	- 0.11	1.92
Tokyo	58.25	62.13	- 0.28	...
-do- Acc	58.84	62.76	- 0.28	...
US Smllr Co Acc	97.01	103.70	- 1.50	...
UK Equity	149.40	159.30r	- 0.40	3.15
-do- Acc	277.00	295.40	- 0.70	3.15
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5222				
N&P UK Growth	63.38	67.43	- 0.12	3.08
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.21	76.42	- 0.11	7.13
N&P Higher Inc	163.90	173.90r	- 0.40	5.61
N&P UK Income	91.27	97.62r	- 0.24	4.49
N&P Intl	77.60	83.45	- 0.25	2.41
N&P Smaller Cos	65.41	69.96	+ 0.07	1.97
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	145.61	154.91	+ 0.49	3.35
Global	232.09	246.91	+ 1.51	1.31
Income	180.32	191.84r	+ 0.07	4.62
Intl Bond	115.31	122.66	+ 0.57	7.44
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577.				
Growth	126.90	135.60	- 0.60	3.03
-do- Acc	223.10	238.80	- 1.00	3.03
Income	199.20	211.80	- 0.30	4.12
Intl Equity	186.90	198.80	...	1.29
-do- Acc	204.80	217.60	- 0.10	1.29
Equity	203.10	215.00r	- 0.80	2.81
-do- Acc	409.80	435.90	- 1.70	2.81
UK Ind 25 Acc	62.65	66.65	- 0.17	2.26
UK Income	54.61	58.09r	- 0.13	3.58
UK Smllr Co Acc	61.77	65.71	- 0.12	2.14
New Europe Acc	54.44	57.91	+ 0.01	1.75
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	72.57	77.62	+ 0.13	0.39
PEP Gth Inc	86.02	92.01	+ 0.02	1.04
Intl Gth	403.62	431.68	- 1.48	0.99
Income	254.70	272.41	- 2.17	4.38
W'wide Recov	246.91	264.11	- 1.18	1.23
American Gth	181.97	194.63	- 0.50	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	150.60	161.08	+ 3.59	0.69
Far East Gth	153.00	163.63	- 0.30	0.37
European Gth	96.64	103.36	+ 0.01	1.77
UK Growth	67.01	71.68	- 0.44	3.38
High Income	69.64	74.49r	- 0.57	5.32
Japanese Gth	144.21	153.74	- 1.72	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	150.00	159.60	...	1.08
High Income	99.51	105.90	+ 1.50	4.15
Conv Gilt	103.60	110.30	+ 0.40	6.80
Far East	251.10	267.10	+ 2.00	0.14
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Scotions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	45.82	48.74	+ 0.37	0.60
Emerging Mkts	51.27	54.54	+ 0.36	0.26

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	44.51	47.35	- 0.34	3.61
International	72.86	77.51	+ 0.30	1.47
Gilt Units	23.73	25.49	- 0.08	8.35
Global PEP	32.00	34.04	+ 0.09	2.29
Income Gth	57.68	61.36	- 0.12	5.73
European	37.62	40.02	+ 0.08	1.33
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.38	25.94r	+ 0.06	6.42
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Prutelink 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst **	26.39	28.32	...	3.01
Pru Cnh Hvn Inc	101.49	101.49	+ 0.01	6.49
-do- Acc	103.27	103.27	+ 0.01	6.49
Pru Equity	617.80	660.74	- 3.44	2.85
Pru Equity Inc	74.11	79.26	- 0.35	4.57
Pru European	150.06	160.49r	+ 0.49	2.10
Pru Global Gth	70.37	75.26	+ 0.06	1.71
Pru High Inc	79.16	84.66r	- 0.38	5.76
Pru Intl	135.21	144.60r	+ 0.38	1.30
Pru Intl Sm Co	57.43	61.42	+ 0.11	1.05
Pru Japanese	126.39	135.17	- 0.40	...
Pru Nth Amer	129.40	138.39	+ 0.76	0.51
Pru Pacific Mkt	61.78	66.07	+ 0.49	2.13
Pru Premr Inc	47.65	49.62r	- 0.10	7.71
Pru Smllr Cos	74.71	79.90	+ 1.50	2.68
Pru Spec Sits	91.18	97.51r	- 0.58	2.73
Pru UK Gwth	103.85	110.00	- 0.54	2.63
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	143.25	154.28	- 0.04	4.02
Japan	193.15	207.12	- 1.57	...
Major UK Cos	88.23	95.02r	- 0.30	2.80
America Income	426.63	457.39	+ 4.71	0.72
-do- Acc	495.53	531.26	+ 5.46	0.72
Smllr UK Cos	228.73	249.48	- 0.39	2.15
Smllr European	234.68	239.18	+ 0.02	1.84
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	65.27	69.43	+ 0.71	3.95
Capital Units	128.00	136.10r	- 0.10	1.71
Commodity	80.96	86.12	- 0.26	1.32
European Gth	131.50	139.60	- 0.30	1.25
Financial Sec	148.50	157.90r	+ 1.00	2.39
High Return	196.70	209.20r	- 0.60	5.19
High Yield	194.50	206.90	- 0.60	4.83
Income Units	99.56	105.90	- 0.40	7.73
Investment	149.60	159.10	- 0.50	1.86
Japan Gth	100.30	106.70	- 0.10	...
Japan Smaller	139.10	147.90	+ 0.70	...
Masterfund	40.15	42.71r	+ 0.14	1.36
Scotbits	216.30	230.10r	+ 1.60	2.40
Scotshares	234.60	249.50r	- 0.90	4.16
Scotyields	211.30	224.70	- 0.70	4.48
Select Intl	113.00	120.20	+ 0.60	0.77
Smaller Cos	197.10	209.60	+ 0.20	4.89
Special Situation	99.35	105.60	- 0.10	0.90
UK Equity	209.00	222.30	- 1.10	3.34
US Growth	129.00	137.20	- 1.10	0.38
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	224.25	239.20	- 0.51	0.62
-do- Acc	242.27	258.42	- 0.55	0.62
Australian	109.19	116.46	- 1.50	0.30
-do- Acc	127.53	136.02	- 1.76	0.30
UK Enterprise	181.76	193.89r	- 2.33	3.99
-do- Acc	209.96	223.98	- 2.69	3.99
European Gth	54.13	57.73r	- 0.02	1.42
-do- Acc	56.03	59.76	- 0.02	1.42
Euro Smllr Cos	48.00	51.20r	+ 0.08	0.82
-do- Acc	48.38	51.61	+ 0.04	0.82
Far Eastern Gth	55.75	59.46	+ 0.16	...
-do- Acc	56.65	60.42	+ 0.16	...
Fixed Interest	51.14	53.91	- 0.05	7.10
-do- Acc	61.25	64.59	- 0.05	7.10
Gilt Income	100.49	102.91	- 0.16	8.80
-do- Acc	135.87	143.19	- 0.22	8.80
Income	274.37	292.66	- 1.70	4.55
-do- Acc	794.71	847.71	- 4.93	4.55
Japan Enterprise	46.52	49.62	- 0.59	...
-do- Acc	46.52	49.62	- 0.59	...
Japan Smllr Cos	295.64	315.34r	- 2.13	...
-do- Acc	296.23	315.97	- 2.13	...
Pacific Gth	72.79	77.64	+ 0.40	0.89
-do- Acc	74.53	79.51	+ 0.40	0.89
Smaller Cos	163.05	173.91r	- 0.11	1.77
-do- Acc	186.86	199.31	- 0.13	1.77
Tokyo	75.36	80.38	- 1.07	...
-do- Acc	76.12	81.19	- 1.08	...
UK Equity	186.77	199.22r	- 1.02	3.43
-do- Acc	345.86	368.90	- 1.90	3.43
US Smllr Cos	113.98	121.57	- 0.21	...
-do- Acc	113.98	121.57	- 0.21	...
World Fd	63.42	67.64	- 0.33	1.94
-do- Acc	66.35	70.77	- 0.34	1.94
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	37.97	40.44	+ 0.20	5.23
Equity Strategy	57.52	61.26	- 0.33	2.69
European Opps	62.58	66.65	+ 0.89	3.22
Maximum Inc	100.20	102.90	- 0.03	6.74
UK Smaller Cos	44.34	47.12	- 0.21	3.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	320.30	342.60	- 2.10	3.28
American	229.20	243.20	+ 1.60	1.00
Pacific	251.60	269.10	+ 0.80	0.94
European	391.70	418.90	+ 1.40	1.40
Worldwide	70.50	75.40	+ 0.08	1.61
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	285.60	303.90r	- 1.20	3.16
UK Sm Cos Eqty	181.60	193.20r	- 0.50	3.11
European	289.10	302.60	+ 0.90	1.90
North American	234.70	249.70	+ 0.90	0.62
Income Plus Inc	58.47	62.21	- 0.47	4.20
UK Spec Sits	61.87	65.82	- 0.05	2.72
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	23.53	25.18	- 0.11	3.49
Intl Growth Acc	24.05	25.74	...	1.36
Global Inc Acc	28.09	30.07r	- 0.09	4.21
Market Lddr Acc	24.11	25.81	...	3.57
SG TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	76.74	82.07	+ 0.34	...
Euro Spec Sits	37.74	40.10	+ 0.15	...
-do- Acc	39.96	42.45	+ 0.15	...
Far East Opps	25.85	27.93r	+ 0.28	...
-do- Acc	26.56	28.69	+ 0.28	...
General Growth	92.28	99.23	- 0.43	2.98
Global Tech	113.20	122.20r	- 0.60	...
Income Growth	91.77	98.81	- 0.32	4.24
Income Monthly	53.69?	57.42	+ 0.02	6.05
Japan Growth	57.99	61.64r	- 0.24	...
Overseas Gth	65.12	69.31r	+ 0.34	...
Smaller Cos	63.97	68.78	+ 0.03	2.22
Special Opps	84.34	90.66	- 0.11	2.54
Wld Spec Sits	39.01	42.00r	+ 0.08	...
-do- Acc	39.10	42.09r	+ 0.08	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	40.28	42.80	...	1.85
Equity Gth Acc	56.03	59.54	- 0.10	1.09

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Eq General	39.76	42.25	- 0.20	3.48
-do- Acc	52.16	55.43	- 0.30	3.48
European Acc	36.66	38.93	+ 0.10	1.35
Far East Acc	42.37	45.02	+ 0.30	0.41
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.27	30.96	- 0.10	7.03
N American Acc	41.87	44.49	+ 0.40	0.08
Gvt Lgr Cos Acc	231.20	250.90	+ 2.00	1.78
UK Eq High Inc	32.41	34.44	- 0.10	4.19
-do- Acc	37.96	40.34	- 0.10	4.19
UK Lgr Cos Inc	275.80	297.10	- 1.20	1.97
UK Lgr Cos Acc	352.20	382.50	- 1.50	1.97
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N$23.26	N$23.47r	...	0.89
US Eq	$1.864	$1.981	...	0.99
Far East Eq	Y1980	Y2103	...	...
Japan Eq	Y1972	Y2095	...	...
FT Europe	103.60	110.10	...	1.16
FT North Am	$1.666	$1.770	...	0.87
FT Japan	Y1936	Y2050	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	100.70	107.00	...	1.45
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	328.60	348.70	+ 3.80	0.31
British	884.00	935.30	- 1.90	4.82
European	326.50	347.70	+ 3.30	1.84
Japan	105.60	112.40	- 0.30	...
New Pacific	252.60	269.00	+ 3.00	1.56
Mngd Cash	95.52	95.52	...	6.48
Majority Stg	99.67	100.66	+ 0.01	6.25
Inv Tst	161.70	173.50	+ 0.40	2.33
Saltire PPP	329.00	346.40	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	677.30	725.00r	- 4.00	2.74
N America Acc	103.30	110.50r	+ 1.10	0.44
Far East Acc	95.93	102.70r	+ 0.40	0.29
W'wide Bond	56.58	60.06	+ 0.40	5.55
European	71.59	76.57	+ 0.38	0.78
Equity Income	74.16	79.37	- 0.40	4.42
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
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American Gth	32.07	34.31	+ 0.32	0.68
Managed Assets	109.35	116.96r	- 0.35	3.89
UK Income	33.68	36.03r	- 0.15	4.12
UK Growth	33.91	36.27	- 0.18	2.80
Worldwide Gth	26.72	28.58	+ 0.07	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	185	196.81	+ 1.56	0.36
-do- Acc	203.19	216.16	+ 1.69	0.36
British Gth	78.94	83.98	- 0.65	2.30
-do- Acc	92.12	98.00	- 0.75	2.30
European	80.21	85.33	+ 0.25	0.77
-do- Acc	84.61	90.01	+ 0.26	0.77
Extra Inc	169.44	180.26	+ 0.92	4.88
-do- Acc	266.01	282.99	+ 1.44	4.88
General Unit	245.29	260.95r	- 3.37	2.78
-do- Acc	483.90	514.79	- 6.64	2.78
Income	298.21	317.24	+ 1.92	3.90
-do- Acc	607.40	646.17	+ 3.91	3.90
International	440.27	468.37	+ 4.43	0.69
-do- Acc	575.50	612.23	+ 5.79	0.69
Pacific	271.15	288.46	- 2.54	0.06
-do- Acc	283.97	302.10	- 2.67	0.06
Premier Income	48.68	50.71	- 0.68	7.60
-do- Acc	98.46	102.56	- 1.37	7.60
Nat Resources	77.73	82.69	- 1.65	...
-do- Acc	85.23	90.67	- 1.82	...
Selected Opps	86.74	92.28	- 1.32	1.26
-do- Acc	108.33	115.24	- 1.64	1.26
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	111.80	119.70r	+ 1.00	0.43
Australia	5.978	6.40	...	1.25
Equity	167.00	178.80r	- 0.90	5.73
Euro Spec Sits	125.50	133.50	+ 0.40	0.65
Financial	34.20	36.60	+ 0.10	3.32
Global Opps Inc	77.98	83.50	+ 0.12	2.41
-do- Acc	80.83	86.55	+ 0.12	2.41
Gold Gen Inc	34.44	36.92	+ 0.15	1.19
-do- Acc	65.71	70.50	+ 0.26	1.19
Income	108.10	115.70r	- 0.60	5.35
Japan General	108.00	114.90	- 0.60	...
Preference	20.53	22.10r	+ 0.05	8.50
UK Capital	95.80	102.40	- 0.90	3.29
Worldwide Cap	179.00	191.30r	- 0.60	2.36
World Income	73.96	78.91r	+ 0.27	3.83
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smll Cos	71.10	75.84	- 0.43	...
-do- Acc	73.34	78.22	- 0.45	...
Cash	30.81	30.81	+ 0.01	6.99
-do- Acc	60.49?	60.47	+ 0.01	6.99
European Opps	54.02	57.57	+ 0.48	0.51
-do- Acc	54.57	58.16	+ 0.47	0.51
Far East Opps	120.65	128.69	+ 0.53	0.75
-do- Acc	123.47	131.70	+ 0.56	0.75
Gold/Nat. Res	30.79	32.84	+ 0.14	...
-do- Acc	31.67	33.78	- 0.15	...
Japan	56.35	60.00	- 0.25	...
-do- Acc	56.35	60.00	- 0.25	...
Little Dragons	85.61	91.31	- 0.29	0.64
-do- Acc	57.02	60.83	- 0.28	0.64
Oriental Income	35.56	38.05	+ 0.11	4.18
-do- Acc	45.02	48.03	+ 0.12	4.18
Tiger	179.91	191.91	+ 1.66	1.57
-do- Acc	188.21	200.75	+ 1.73	1.57
UK Small Cos	60.77	64.99	+ 0.05	2.51
-do- Acc	69.68	74.52	+ 0.02	2.51
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS				
Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	206.80	220.60	...	4.81
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	9.20	9.78	+ 0.03	0.50
Pacific Basin	26.70	28.48	+ 0.12	0.60
Canadian Gth	31.51	33.54	- 0.03	0.10
Global Bond	30.945	30.985	- 0.00	7.43
Penny Share	18.67	19.86	- 0.17	1.30
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	51.92	51.93r	+ 0.01	6.92
Gilt Growth	62.68	65.44r	- 0.10	...
Gilt Income	50.49	52.94r	- 0.09	8.80
Short Dtd Gilt	100.06	100.40	- 0.10	6.63
US Govmnt Bd	30.705	30.714	+ 0.00	...
Challenger	87.16	90.19	+ 0.42	...
WOODWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388846				
Stockmarket Fd	63.21	67.26	- 0.40	2.56

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Heseltine may win EC support for coal subsidy

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

■ The political climate in Brussels appears to favour government subsidies for the British coal industry, helping it compete on equal terms in world markets

SENIOR EC Commission sources have said Brussels will give a positive hearing to any plans by Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, to pump government subsidies into British Coal.

Mr Heseltine will be in the Belgian capital today for talks with Abel Matutes, the energy commissioner, and Karel Van Miert, the competition commissioner, about the future of the British coal industry.

Government officials in Brussels are playing down the trip, but it looks likely that the commission will give a strong *hint* that it will not stand in the way of aid to British Coal. That will leave the government in the embarrassing position of being free to do a U-turn to help the industry if it has the political will.

Commission sources said that a supposed EC rule barring any member state from subsidising more than 20 per cent of its primary energy resources *had*, if anything, been used by the government as an excuse not to help UK coal communities.

The government has always claimed that as it spends £1.3 billion a year subsidising the nuclear industry, which accounts for 20 per cent of energy needs, there is no room for manoeuvre on coal. That is despite hints from Brussels that if only the coal industry was slightly subsidised, it would be world competitive.

An aide close to Bruce Millan, regional policy commissioner, said: "This 20 per cent rule has a strange status. There's no scientific basis about it, and it's far from certain that it is binding." He said that Mr Millan, a former Labour minister, would "be delighted" if the government chose to subsidise coal.

The political climate in Brussels favours British Coal. Mr Van Miert, a market socialist, is less likely to adopt the hard line on state aids employed by Sir Leon Brittan, his predecessor.

Meanwhile, Señor Matutes is likely to continue the work of his predecessor, Antonio Cardoso e Cunha, who wanted to achieve a balance between a sensible state aid regime for coal that would not leave the Community too reliant on fuel imports from third countries.

Commission experts believe British coal will become more saleable on world and EC markets as Brussels wins its battle with Bonn over the subsidies of £3.3 billion a year paid to the German industry.

Señhor Cardosa e Cunha, before leaving Brussels, unveiled a plan to cut dramatically the subsidies allowed in Germany, where the price of coal works out at about £140 a ton. The average EC price is £85 a ton and the average world price is £35 a ton. His plan was to allow subsidies on no more that the difference between the world and EC prices. British coal, at £60 a ton, is less than half the price of German coal, and would stand to gain much of the German market if the commission's plans won approval.

Rumours have circulated suggesting that Germany may solicit help from the government in opposing the Cardosa e Cunha plans, which are supposed to come into force in 1994, in return for Bonn giving British Coal a guaranteed slice of a liberalised German coal market. However, German officials yesterday denied such a trade-off.

SIMON WALKER



Open options: Lord Rayne, the chairman, said organic growth is a priority but acquisitions can never be ruled out

First Leisure celebrates tenth year of gains

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

FIRST Leisure has celebrated its tenth year in business by maintaining an unbroken record of growth. Pre-tax profits rose 2 per cent to £31.1 million on turnover, excluding theatres, up by a similar percentage to £108.5 million.

Earnings at the bowling-to-discothèques group rose to 15.83p (15.67p) a share, and the final dividend is nearly 8 per cent ahead at 4.26p, making 6.14p for the full year to end-October (5.695p last time).

Group directors yesterday gave warning against excessive cost reduction as a panacea for recession. "These profits are not driven by one-off cost-cutting," said John Conlan, the chief executive. He said that in a recession, companies risked cutting corporate muscle as well as fat. "If you go too far you reduce the quality of the operation and your ability to trade."

First Leisure's capital expenditure grew £5 million to £34 million in the year, including £8 million on refurbishing six discos. Staff numbers increased slightly. Gearing is a modest 8 per cent.

While the refurbishments helped to depress profits at the dancing division to £12.5 million from £13 million, the strongest contributor continued to be sports — powered by bowling — where profits rose to £14.1 million from £13.4 million. Resorts, dominated by the group's interests in Blackpool's Golden Mile, suffered from the bad summer weather to register a static profit of £12.3 million.

Fewer tourists helped cut back the performance at the theatres division, which is now treated as an associate company. First Leisure's £40 million three-year programme to upgrade its operations on the Golden Mile is all but completed. Priority, said directors, would now switch to the South and South East, particularly within the M25 circle. Further growth on mainland Europe, where First Leisure owns a big disco outside Amsterdam, has been put on ice.

Lord Rayne, who has succeeded Lord Delfont as chairman, with the latter remaining a director and group president, said organic growth would continue to be a priority, but acquisitions could never be ruled out. Any interest in a leisure diversification into Rank Organisation's film business has been ruled out.

Rush of buyers for Lilley businesses

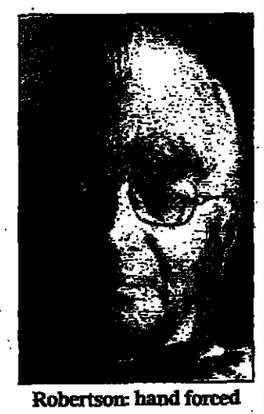
BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

PRICE Waterhouse, receivers to the Lilley group, say there has been massive interest in the 15 companies put up for sale on Tuesday morning. Approaches have been received from more than 100 companies.

Such has been the spate of inquiries that a deadline of tomorrow lunchtime has been set for expressions of interest. The receivers expect to make a further announcement tomorrow afternoon. They had originally aimed to find buyers within a month, to safeguard 2,000 jobs.

Tomorrow's announcement could include finalised trade sales or management buyouts. "We can't remember a faster receivership than this," Price Waterhouse said yesterday, "but time is of the essence." Lilley has several time-sensitive building contracts.

Sir Lewis Robertson, Lilley's chairman, called in the receivers last week after a banking syndicate failed to put up £16 million of working capital.A financial reconstruction was understood to have been agreed by the main shareholders and bankers. Lilley's construction businesses — National Contracting, MDW and Eden Construction — were all profitable and had £60 million of work in hand. Other businesses for sale include Lilley Scotland; Hatfield Construction, a specialist builder in the south east of England; Lilley Construction Southern; Standen Construction, in the East Midlands; Lilley Construction Midlands; Henry Jones, a Hampshire contractor; Standen Homes, in Nottingham; Lilley Developments, a property portfolio in the East Midlands and home counties; and Eden Properties, a portfolio of commercial properties in Cumbria and Northumberland.



Robertson: hand forced

Ministry 'backs Devonport'

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

THE defence ministry is understood to have backed a plan to switch nuclear submarine refurbishment work from Rosyth in Scotland to the Devonport shipyard near Plymouth.

Managers of the Rosyth yard have heard that John Major will be told at a cabinet sub-committee meeting on Tuesday that Devonport is the MoD's favoured option.

Rosyth handles refitting work on Polaris submarines. The yards have submitted competitive bids to extend or refit their yards to handle Trident, successor to Polaris.

The MoD is understood to have initially favoured the Devonport proposals to extend its yard because it was cheaper than building additional facilities at Rosyth.

However Babcock Thorn, which manages the Rosyth yard, submitted new proposals in December to upgrade its yard at an estimated £147 million cost, compared with £162 million proposed by Devonport's managers.

David Batty, finance director of Babcock Thorn, said it appeared Devonport would take over nuclear submarine refitting, with a ten-year programme of surface warship work moving to Rosyth.

He said: "There is no logic in that. Rosyth's expertise is in nuclear submarine refitting. Devonport's is in surface warships. If both locations are to be retained there is no logic in doing it the wrong way round." He estimated the Rosyth workforce could shrink from 4,000 to a maximum of 1,500 if this happens.

Babcock Thorn is also unhappy that the MoD appears to have made its decision before February 28, when Rosyth was due to submit a fixed-price bid. But an MoD spokesman said no final decision has been reached.

British Steel price rises could have big impact on costs

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH Steel yesterday announced price increases of up to 13 per cent for some steel products in a move that could have a widespread impact on industrial costs and, eventually, on overall price inflation.

The rises are the first for three years for many of the company's products, and come in a period of weakening steel prices across Europe.

British Steel said it would notify customers soon. The rises will range from 4 to 7 per cent for section and plate steel and from 11 to 13 per cent for strip mill products. The increases will come into effect from March 1 for steel plate and steel sections, and from April 1 for steel strip mill products.

British Steel said the fall in European prices had "severely impacted" on its financial performance. The company was continuing to strive for improvements in efficiency to help offset cost increases which, it said, included the effects of the devaluation of sterling.

Steel prices across Europe have fallen dramatically, with prices of motor body steel, for example, 20-24 per cent down on last year, and prices for other flat steel products down by more than 30 per cent.

Industry estimates suggest that steel producers across Europe are now losing more than £200 million per month. When British Steel announced in November a half-year loss of £51 million for the six months to September, it said that current price levels were "unsustainable". Steel companies across Europe are concerned that if prices remain at what they consider to be wholly unrealistic levels, plant closures will follow, leading to difficulties in supplying customers.

But the market has rejected some previous attempts at price rises.

At the beginning of last year, British Steel tried to raise the price of its flat-rolled products, but the move failed as prices collapsed.

The price of steel is an important cost component for most manufacturing companies, and at a time of severe cost pressure during the recession, many manufacturers will feel an increase sharply.

Alliance to challenge Liffe

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE French and German financial futures exchanges have agreed a strategic alliance to take business from the London Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe). The Paris Matif and Frankfurt's DTB will allow each others members to deal directly in the most significant contracts traded on the two exchanges, covering mark and ecu interest rates.

At the same time, Matif will share in development and eventually ownership of the DTB's screen-based trading system. Matif, like Liffe, uses the colourful open outcry system, where traders operate on a central exchange floor. Ecu bond contracts would be traded on-screen if the alliance starts operating in about a year's time.

Gerard Pfauwadel, chairman of Matif, made it clear the alliance is intended to create a Franco-German axis as the core of a federated continental exchange to challenge the surpremacy of Liffe in the European time zone. The federation aims to bring in many of the 23 continental financial futures exchanges.

For the DTB, the main immediate attraction is to win business from Liffe on German bond contracts, which DTB started trading in 1990. At present, Matif dealers mostly use Liffe, but Paris traders suggest they are likely to come under pressure to switch business to Frankfurt.

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David S Smith cites unfair competition

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

DAVID S Smith (Holdings), Britain's largest paper manufacturer, has complained to the European Commission that German paper makers are breaking competition rules.

Peter Williams, Smith's chief executive, says German producers benefit from advantageous environmental legislation, and that this, coupled with depressed conditions, severely affected the group in the six months to end-October.

Mr Williams concedes that the legal process in Brussels will be a long affair, but says the raising of the issue publicly should help to redress the inequalities.

Thanks to acquisition benefits, Smith was able to report higher pre-tax profits at £15.2 million (£3.1 million) and a maintained interim dividend of 2.75p. Of a total operating profit of £19.6 million (£11.4 million), the recently acquired Kaysersberg Packaging, of France, contributed £11.9 million.

The British market for recycled corrugated case materials, the group's principal product, grew by 7 per cent in the first 11 months of 1992, but European paper markets deteriorated "and are now gripped by a deep recession with no sign of recovery".

Operations at Abbey Corrugated were disrupted in June by a labour dispute and trading volume was lost, while Coloreed Liquid Packaging, bought in August, has performed ahead of expectations.

Smith's gearing has risen from 23 per cent at year-end to 44 per cent, and is headed for 60 per cent, though part of the increase is due to currency factors. There was no tax charge during the interim period, nor is there likely to be any in the second half. Smith shares eased 1p to 314p.

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Ford director to be new head of Acas

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government will today name John Hougham, personnel director of Ford, as the new head of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service — the independent body that resolves industrial disputes.

Mr Hougham's appointment comes at a time of controversy for both Ford, Britain's biggest carmaker, and for Acas. He will be leaving Ford after announcing last month more than 4,000 job losses throughout the company in the UK, and as rumours continue to circulate within the car industry that the company will eventually have to consider the closure of one of its UK plants, probably Halewood, on Merseyside.

While Mr Hougham, who will be 56 next week, will be leaving Ford's difficulties behind him, he will be joining Acas at a controversial time, when the government's current employment bill is stripping away from the service its original statutory responsibility to promote collective bargaining between employers and trade unions.

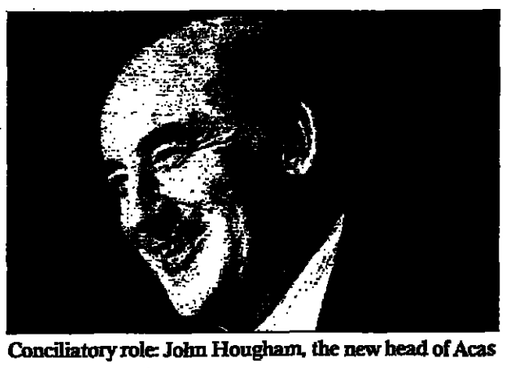
Though operationally this has not been an issue within Acas for a decade, political right-wingers have long regarded it as controversial, and have held its removal as a prize legislative target. After the scrapping of the National Economic Development Council, Acas remains one of the few official bodies with both employers and trade unions sitting on its governing council.

Mr Hougham's appointment, made personally by Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, came against a strong short-listed field, which also included Mike Bett, deputy chairman of BT, and Brenda Dean, the former print union general secretary.

Before Ford, Mr Hougham worked for British Home Stores, joining the car company in 1963 as a graduate trainee, eventually rising to his present job in 1986.

Mr Hougham refused to comment yesterday on his appointment ahead of this morning's announcement, which will be made by the employment department.

☐ A majority of trade union members in Britain are now for the first time in white-collar jobs, according to a new analysis of union membership in the UK published yesterday in the employment department's gazette. The study, which shows UK union density — the proportion of the workforce who are union members — to be at its lowest since the second world war, also shows that a majority of trade union members have higher education qualifications beyond A-level.



Conciliatory role: John Hougham, the new head of Acas

COMMERZBANK

SUBSCRIPTION OFFER FOR NEW SHARES

By virtue of the authority (authorized capital Section 202 ff Aktiengesetz) granted at the Annual General Meeting of 27th May, 1992 of Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft (hereinafter referred to as Commerzbank), its Board of Managing Directors has resolved, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, to increase the share capital by DM 125,000,000 to DM 1,435,219,900 through the issue of 2,500,000 new shares in bearer form at par value of DM 50 each, ranking for dividend from 1st January, 1993.

The issue of new shares has been underwritten by Bayerische Vereinsbank AG, München, with the obligation to offer DM 119,110,900 new shares to the shareholders of Commerzbank in the ratio of 1 for 11 at the price of DM 200 per share at a par value of DM 50 each. The remaining amount of DM 5,889,100, in new shares are excluded from the subscription right of the shareholders and will be sold in the market for the benefit of Commerzbank.

The subscription rights (Security Code No. 803 206) will be traded and listed with official quotation on all German stock exchanges and can be traded under Rule 535.4 of the London Stock Exchange, from 20th January, 1993 to 1st February, 1993 inclusive.

Application is being made for the new shares to be listed with official quotation on all German stock exchanges and will be made to the London Stock Exchange for the new shares to be admitted to the Official List.

The new shares (Security Code No. 803 201) are represented by a global certificate desposited with Deutscher Kassenverein AG, Frankfurt am Main. The subscribers will receive credit to the account of a common depository for their new shares. No claims for the delivery of individual share certificates may be made until the new shares enjoy the same dividend entitlement as the old shares. After the shareholder's meeting on 7th May, 1993, printed share certificates will be available upon request.

Copies of the English translation of the Subscription Offer are available on request at the offices of the London Subscription Agents, S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd. and Commerzbank AG, London Branch.

Announcement to the holders of Commerzbank's 1990 Profit-Sharing Certificates with conversion rights and to the holders of the warrants from the Profit-Sharing Certificates with warrants attached of 1991 issued by Commerzbank:

The additional payment for one share of DM 50 par value in order to exercise the conversion right will be reduced because of the capital increase to DM 45 in accordance with § 4 para 1 of the "Terms and Conditions of the Profit-Sharing Certificates with conversion rights"; this is equal to a conversion price of DM 245 for one share of DM 50 par value.

The subscription price in order to exercise the subscription right of the warrants from the Profit-Sharing Certificates with warrants attached of 1991 issued by Commerzbank will be reduced because of the capital increase to DM 273 in accordance with § 5 para 1 and 2 of the "Terms and Conditions of the Warrants".

The new conversion price and the new subscription price will be applicable from 20th January, 1993.

PROCEDURE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Holders in the United Kingdom wishing to take up rights must lodge the following:-

Bearer Share Certificates - Coupon No. 56

and apply during the subscription period 20th January, 1993 to 3rd February, 1993 inclusive, at the offices of the London Subscription Agents between 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. where lodgement forms are obtainable.

Holders of existing bearer shares which are represented by London Deposit Certificates may request S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd. as Depository, to exercise the subscription rights attaching to the shares and issue fresh certificates in respect of new shares subscribed, by lodging their certificates for marking Square No. 19 no later than 3.00 p.m. 29th January, 1993.

In the absence of such request, the Depository will dispose of the subscription rights attaching to the deposited shares and will distribute the net proceeds to the holders of the Certificates in proportion to their holdings.

Payment must be made in full on application.

Holders wishing to make payment in Sterling should agree the applicable rate of exchange with the London Subscription Agents.

Holders of entitlements may instruct the London Subscription Agents to buy or sell rights on their behalf to round their entitlements but in order to do so their forms must be lodged with the London Subscription Agents no later than 3.00 p.m. 29th January, 1993.

Coupons and London Deposit Certificates should be lodged with:
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London EC2M 2PA

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London Branch,
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Kloeckner steel group expects to report loss

Kloeckner-Werke, the steel and engineering group that filed for protection from its creditors last month, said it expected a 1991-2 group operating loss of DM130 million to DM140 million (Reuter reports from Bonn).

Kloeckner-Werke said group operating loss for the year to end-September included an operating loss of DM200 million from its steel business.

Kloeckner made a 1990-1 group operating profit of DM64.35 million, down from DM153.54 million. Group net profit was DM1.52 million in the previous year.

Blow for SAS

The return to pre-tax profit Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) was on course for in 1992 has been barred by the devaluation of the Swedish currency, which cost the airline about Kr 1.2 billion (£105 million). SAShad expected to post a pre-tax profit of about Kr 50 million last year, after a Kr 1.3 billion loss in 1991.

Oil output rises

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) increased crude oil output by 60,000 barrels per day to 25.26 million last month, despite the 20 per cent fall in prices and producers' pledges to throttle back output, figures from the International Energy Agency show. For the whole of 1992, Opec output rose 4.5 per cent.

TGI sells

TGI, the hi-fi and loudspeaker maker, has sold its remaining investment in Goodmans Industries Limited for £1.55 million.

STOCK MARKET

Shares depressed by threat of action in Middle East

THE threat of a shooting war in the Gulf, confirmed by reports of limited strikes after the London market had closed, sent shares into their seventh consecutive session of decline, with the FT-SE 100 index having lost 116.2 points, or 4 per cent, over the last seven days' trading.

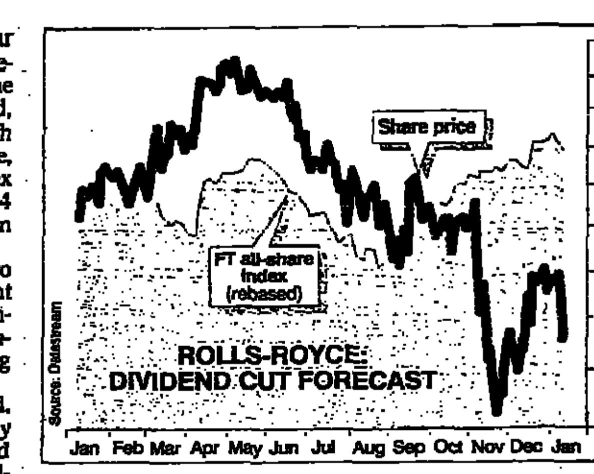
Market sentiment was also depressed by the ever-present threat of rights issues, combined with a string of downgradings and disappointing trading statements.

Early gains were reversed, while the Treasury's monthly survey had little impact and failed to cheer the City. Traders, many of whom have large amounts of stock on their books and are happy to see some buyers emerge, backed away as fresh profit downgradings and worries about possible cash calls prompted some light selling.

Meanwhile, weaker March FT-SE futures and a negative start on Wall Street, with the Dow Jones index down more than 20 points in early trading before official confirmation of the allied strikes, further depressed sentiment in London.

The FT-SE 100 index closed above its worst, ending down 12.6 points to 2,745.3. Second-liners fared slightly better, with the FT-SE 250 only losing 2.8 points to 2,876.3. Volume reached a relatively healthy 652.8 million shares.

Body Shop took a knock, sliding 15p to 153p, after after profit downgradings in the wake of a disappointing statement on Christmas trading. Panmure Gordon has trimmed its profit forecast



from £24 million to £21.5 million for the year to end-February, with next year's unofficial estimate cut by £3 million to £27 million.

Elsewhere in the sector, **Dixons** dived 29p to 225p after a 19 per cent decline in first-alf profits. BZW recently advised clients to sell, while Panmure Gordon has trimed its full-ear forecast from £80 million to £76 million. But concern that Comet's market share may have been eroded by Dixons prompted an 18p fall in **Kingfisher** to 554p.

Alexon remained under pressure after the largely-anticipated warning that it expects to break even for the year to end-January 1993 and does not expect to pay a final dividend after disappointing trading up to Christmas. Alexon shares slid a further 9p to 68p, giving a hefty three-day loss of 31p.

Rolls-Royce initially tumbled 9p to 99p, before recovering to close 2p lower at 106p, after Smith New Court cut its dividend forecast for 1992 from a maintained 7.25p a share to 5p. Pete Deighton, SNC's engineering analyst, says 1991's dividend was "massively uncovered" on earnings of 2.5p, while 1992's earnings are forecast to dip to 2.4p a share and are only expected to rise to 5.4p in 1993.

But Mr Deighton is positive on the stock's longer-term prospects. "Longer term, Rolls is in a very good competitive position. It is proving its worth by increasing its market share", he said.

BP reversed an early fall to finish ½p firmer at 237½p, despite Lars Reierson at Morgan Stanley, the US securities house, cutting his fourth-quarter net income forecast from £135 million to £95 million. Mr Reierson says chemicals are weak, but he is concerned that refining and retailing are worse than expected.

Babcock International were on offer, losing 5½p to 32p on fears that the Trident/Rosyth deal could be in jeopardy.

Redland eased 3p to 419p despite reports that BZW has upgraded its profits forecast for last year by £13 million to £205 million and lifted this year's estimate from £205 million to to £212 million after visiting the company on Tuesday.

Elsewhere, **Guinness** lost 6p to 467p as several houses took out the knives in the wake of the company's surprise restructuring announcement on Tuesday.

Bear covering bolstered **Hillsdown**, up 8p to 143p, with analysts said to have been upbeat after recent visits to the company. **Lucas**, the subject of much bid speculation, was also a good market, adding 5p to 149p.

Cable and Wireless fell 15p to 692p after Jim Ross at Hoare Govett cut his 1993 pre-tax profit forecast to £800 million from £825 million and his 1994 figure to £925 million from £950 million.

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Weak trading is said to have prompted UBS Phillips & Drew to cut its forecasts for Whitbread, dropping the A shares 11p to 466p. P&D is said to have cut its estimate for the year to end-February by £10 million to £250 million. Next time's numbers are cut £40 million to £225 million. Next year's dividend forecast is trimmed from 19.25p to 18.5p.

TOKYO

Cautious investors send Nikkei into decline

SHARES fell on sales triggered by weak futures. With no big buy incentives, brokers said that investors were remaining on the sidelines or shifting to the strong bond or over-the-counter markets. Uncertainty over the Middle East also helped feed caution, they added.

The Nikkei average was down 138.66 points or 0.83 per cent to 16,542.39. Turnover was about 100 million shares against 80 million on Tuesday. Declining issues led those gaining ground by almost three to one, with 569 lower, 207 higher, and 261 unchanged.

The market had opened weaker after Tuesday's small technical rebound. Prices sank steadily with little interruption until mid-afternoon, when the Nikkei reached a low point of 241 points down at 16,440.05. Short-covering and buying by pension funds then pulled the Nikkei off its lows, but the rally soon petered out again.

The New York Times reported that President Bush had decided to launch a military strike against Iraq soon. Brokers said some futures sales followed as a result, but investors quickly decided Japan was unlikely to be affected as yet.

But bond futures began to approach five-year highs and the over-the-counter Jasdaq index rose 2.43 per cent by midday, leading some investors to shift their funds in search of greater activity.

The key declining areas were the credit/lease, fishery, brokerage, pharmaceutical, textile, automobile, pulp/paper, gas, steel, and service sectors. *Reuter*

WORLD MARKETS

Dow is early victim of Bush offensive

New York — Shares fell in hectic late morning trading, on President Bush's decision to launch a military strike against Iraq. The move was in retaliation for Baghdad's repeated violations of UN sanctions, a government official said.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 19 points to 3,245 at one stage. Shares losing value led those gaining in price by seven to six.

☐ **Frankfurt** — German shares started pre-bourse trading mostly slightly firmer, but there was no fresh fundamental news to drive the market higher and after only moderate turnover, the 30-share Dax index closed 13.69 down at 1,516.50.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares rose 1.9 per cent, with some brokers seeing a calmer tone to the Sino-British row and others putting the rally down to optimism before the Chinese new year. The Hang Seng index rose 107.48 to 5,778.74.

☐ **Singapore** — The market fell as jittery investors sold on the report of a possible US strike against Iraq, brokers said. The Straits Times index fell 12.08 points to 1,532.94.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares fell in thin trade as futures dominated trading. The all-ordinaries index closed 14.3 down at 1,495. *Reuter*

WALL STREET

	Jan 13 midday	Jan 12 close		Jan 13 midday	Jan 12 close		Jan 13 midday	Jan 12 close
AMP Inc	58⅝	59⅛	Emerson Elec	54⅛	54⅛	Oracle Systems	28⅞	28⅞
AMR Corp	66⅞	67⅛	Engelhard Corp	35	34⅞	Oryx Energy Co	18⅛	17⅞
Abbott Labs	27⅞	28⅛	Enron Corp	45⅞	45⅞	PNC Financial	28⅞	28⅞
Aetna Life	46⅞	47⅞	Entergy Corp	33⅛	33⅞	PPG Industries	64⅞	65
Ahmanson (HF)	18⅛	18⅛	Ethyl Corp	30	30⅛	Paccar Inc	57⅛	57
Air Prod & Chem	45⅞	46⅛	Exxon	60⅛	60	Pacificorp	19⅛	19⅞
Albertsons	48⅝	48⅞	FMC Corp	51⅛	51⅛	Pac Enterprises	19⅛	19⅞
Alcan Aluminum	17⅛	17⅛	FPL Group	36⅞	36⅞	Pac Gas & Elect	32⅞	32⅞
Alco Standard	39⅞	38⅞	Federal Express	54⅛	54⅞	Pac Telesis	44⅛	43⅞
Allied Signal	58⅞	59⅛	Fed Nat Mtge	76⅞	77⅛	Pall Corp	19⅛	19⅞
Alum Co of Am	68⅞	69⅛	First Chicago	37⅛	37⅞	Panhandle East	17⅛	17⅞
Amax	16½	16⅞	First Interstate	47	47⅛	Paramnt Comm	43⅛	42⅞
Amerada Hess	45	44⅞	First Union Rly	9⅛	9⅛	Parker Hannifin	31⅛	31⅛
Amer Brands	37⅛	37⅛	Fleet Fnl Grp	32⅞	32	Penney (JC)	73⅛	73⅞
Amer Cyanamid	56⅞	56⅞	Fluor Corp	40⅛	39⅞	Pennzoil	49⅛	49⅞
Amer El Power	32⅞	32⅞	Ford Motor	44⅞	45	Pepsico	39⅞	40
Amer Express	24⅞	25	GTE Corp	34⅞	35	Pfizer	65⅞	66
Amer Genl Corp	55⅞	55⅞	Gannett	52	51⅛	Phelps Dodge	48⅞	48⅞
Amer Home Pr	67	65⅞	Gap Inc Del	31⅛	31⅛	Philadel Elec	26⅛	26
Amer Intl	115	113⅞	Gen Cinema	37⅞	37⅞	Philip Morris	73⅞	75
Amer Stores	42⅞	41⅞	Gen Dynamics	109⅞	106	Phillips Pet	25⅞	24⅞
Amer T & T	51⅛	51⅛	Gen Electric	84⅞	85⅞	Pitney Bowes	40⅛	40⅞
Ameritech	72⅞	72⅞	Gen Mills	67⅞	67⅞	Polaroid	28⅞	28⅞
Amoco	50	49⅞	Gen Motors	34⅛	34⅞	Price Co	38	38
Anheuser-Busch	59⅞	58⅞	Gen Reinsurance	114	114⅞	Primerica	49⅞	49⅞
Apple Computer	62	61⅞	Gen Signal	63	62⅞	Procter & Gmbl	49⅞	49⅞
Archer Daniels	28⅛	27⅞	Genuine Parts	34⅞	34⅞	Pub Serv E & G	30⅞	30⅞
Arkla	7⅛	7⅛	Georgia Pac	57⅞	58⅞	Quaker Oats	64⅞	64⅞
Armco	6⅛	6⅛	Gillette	56	56	Ralston Purina	45⅞	45⅞
Armstrng Wrld	31⅛	31⅛	Glaxo ADR	22⅞	22⅞	Raychem Corp	39⅞	39⅞
Asarco	25⅞	25⅞	Goodrich (BF)	49	49⅞	Raytheon	52⅞	51⅞
Ashland Oil	27⅞	27⅞	Goodyear Tire	66⅞	66⅞	Reebok Intl	34	34⅞
Atl Richfield	110⅞	109⅞	Grace (W&R)	38⅞	38⅞	Reynolds Metals	52⅞	53⅞
Auto Data Pro	50⅞	50⅞	Grt Atl Pac Tea	24⅞	24	Roadway Srvcs	67⅞	67⅞
Avery Dennison	25⅞	25⅞	Great Wstn Fin	16⅞	16⅞	Rockwell Intl	29	28⅞
Avon Products	54⅞	54⅞	Halliburton	27⅞	28⅞	Rohm & Haas	53	53⅞
Baker Hughes	19⅛	19	Heinz (HJ)	42	41⅞	Royal Dutch	80	79⅞
Baltim Gas & El	23⅞	23⅞	Hercules	64⅞	64⅞	Rubbermaid	29⅞	30⅞
Banc One	50⅞	50⅞	Hershey Foods	47⅞	47⅞	Safeco Corp	57⅞	57⅞
BankAmerica	46	45⅞	Hewlett Packard	70⅞	70⅞	St Paul's Cos	76⅞	76⅞
Bank of NY	53⅞	52⅞	Hilton Hotels	47⅞	45⅞	Salomon Inc	37	37
Bankers Tr NY	67⅞	66	Home Depot	64⅞	63⅞	Santa Fe S Pac	13⅞	13⅞
Barnett Banks	41	40⅞	Homestake	10⅞	10⅞	Sara Lee Corp	28	28
Bausch & Lomb	52⅞	53	Honeywell	33⅞	33⅞	Scecorp	43⅞	43
Baxter Intl	30⅞	30⅞	Household Intl	56⅞	56	Schering Plough	59⅞	59⅞
Becton Dickson	77⅛	77⅞	Houston Inds	45⅞	45⅞	Schlumberger	57	55⅞
Bell Atlantic	51⅞	50⅞	Humana	19⅞	19⅞	Scott Paper	34⅞	34⅞
BellSouth	53	52⅞	ITT Corp	69⅞	69⅞	Seagram	24⅞	24⅞
Black & Decker	18⅞	19⅛	Illinois Tool	66	66	Sears Roebuck	45⅞	45⅞
Block (H&R)	39	39⅞	INCO	21⅞	22	Shell Trans	49⅞	49⅞
Boeing	38⅞	38⅞	Ingersoll Rand	32⅞	32⅞	Sherwin Wllms	30⅞	30⅞
Boise Cascade	20	20⅞	Inland Steel	21⅞	21⅞	Skyline Corp	21⅞	21⅞
Borden Inc	27⅞	27⅞	Intel Corp	107⅞	102	Snap-On-Tools	30⅞	30⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	63⅞	63⅞	IBM	48⅞	48⅞	Southern Co	38⅞	37⅞
Browning Ferris	26⅞	27⅛	Intl Flav & Fr	105⅞	106	Sthwstern Bell	73⅞	73⅞
Burlington Nthn	43⅞	43⅞	Intl Paper	61⅞	63⅞	Sprint Corp	26⅞	26⅞
CBS	196⅛	195⅞	James River Va	18⅞	18⅞	Stanley Works	41⅞	41⅞
CNA Financial	95⅞	94⅞	Jhnsn & Jhnsn	46⅞	45⅞	Sun Company	27⅞	27⅞
CPC Intl	47⅞	47⅞	K Mart	22⅞	22⅞	Suntrust	43⅞	42⅞
CSX	72⅞	72⅞	Kellogg	65⅞	64⅞	Supervalu	33⅞	33⅞
Campbell Soup	41⅛	41	Kerr-McGee	43⅞	43⅞	Syntex Corp	22⅞	22⅞
Can Pacific	12⅞	13	Kimberly-Clark	60⅞	60⅞	Sysco Corp	25⅞	25⅞
Cptl Cities ABC	490⅛	492⅞	Knight-Ridder	59⅞	59⅞	TRW Inc	56⅞	56
Cptl Holdings	74⅞	74	Lilly (Eli)	61	61	Tandem Comp	16⅞	16⅞
Carolina Pwr	55	54⅞	Limited Inc	28⅞	28⅞	Tandy Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Caterpillar	55⅞	56⅛	LIN Brdcstng	77⅞	77⅞	Telecom Corp	3⅛	2⅞
Central & SW	29⅞	29	Lincoln Nat	72⅞	72⅞	Teledyne	19⅞	19⅞
Champion Intl	27⅞	27⅞	Litton	45⅞	44⅞	Temple Inland	47⅞	48⅞
Chase Manhat	29⅞	27⅞	Liz Claiborne	40	40⅞	Tenneco	39⅞	40⅞
Chemical Bk	39	38⅞	Lockheed Corp	55⅞	55⅞	Texaco	59⅞	59⅞
Chevron Corp	69⅞	69⅞	Louisiana Pac	64⅞	65	Texas Inst	53⅞	54⅞
Chrysler	34⅞	34⅞	MCI Commun	41⅞	41⅞	Texas Utilities	42⅞	42⅞
Chubb Corp	87	86⅞	Marriott	23⅞	23⅞	Textron	41	41⅞
Cigna Corp	57⅞	58⅞	Marsh & McLnn	89⅞	89⅞	Time Warner	31	30⅞
Citicorp	21⅛	21⅞	Martin Marietta	68⅞	68⅞	Times-Mirror	30⅞	30⅞
Clorox	45	45	Masco Corp	30⅞	31	Timken	27⅞	27⅞
Coastal Corp	24⅞	24⅞	May Dept St	70	70	Torchmark	55⅞	55⅞
Coca Cola	40⅞	41	Maytag Corp	14⅞	14⅞	Toys R Us	38⅞	38⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	55⅞	55⅞	McCaw Cellular	35⅞	34⅞	Transamerica	46⅞	46⅞
Columbia Gas	18⅞	18⅞	McDonalds	49	49	Travelers Corp	27	26⅞
Commonw Ed	24⅞	24	McDonnell D	53⅞	52⅞	Tribune	48⅞	48⅞
Compaq Comp	50⅞	49⅞	McGraw Hill	60⅞	60⅞	Tyco Labs	43⅞	42⅞
Comp Asst Int	20⅞	20⅞	Mead Corp	38⅞	38⅞	UAL Corp	127	129⅞
Conagra	31⅛	31⅞	Medtronic	91⅞	91⅞	UST Inc	30⅞	31⅞
Cons Edison	32⅞	32	Mellon Bk	55⅞	54⅞	USX Marathon	16⅞	16⅞
Cons Nat Gas	44⅞	43⅞	Melville Corp	53	53⅞	Unilever NV	102⅞	102⅞
Cons Rail	49	50⅞	Merck Inc	42⅞	42⅞	Union Camp	45	44⅞
Cooper Inds	47⅞	48⅞	Merrill Lynch	59⅞	59⅞	Union Carbide	16⅞	16⅞
Corning Inc	38⅞	38⅞	Minnesota Mine	98⅞	98⅞	Union Pacific	61	61⅞
Crown Cork	39⅞	40⅞	Mobil Corp	64⅞	63⅞	Unisys Corp	10⅞	10⅞
Dana Corp	48⅞	48⅞	Monsanto	53	53	USAIR Group	13⅞	14⅞
Dayton Hudson	74	74⅞	Morgan (JP)	64⅞	64⅞	USF&G Corp	12⅞	12⅞
Deere	43⅞	43⅞	Motorola Inc	117	111⅞	US Life	37⅞	37⅞
Delta Air Lines	50⅞	50⅞	Natl Medical	10⅞	10⅞	US West	38⅞	38⅞
Deluxe Corp	46	45⅞	Natl Semi	17⅞	13⅞	United Tech	47⅞	48⅞
Detroit Edison	32⅞	32⅞	Natl Service Ind	22⅞	27⅞	Unocal Corp	24⅞	24
Digital Equip	34⅞	35	Navistar Int	2⅞	2⅞	Upjohn	30⅞	30⅞
Dillard Dept St	48⅞	48⅞	NBD Bancorp	33⅞	32⅞	VF Corp	54⅞	54
Disney (Walt)	43⅞	42⅞	NY Times A	27⅞	27⅞	Wal-Mart Stores	59⅞	59⅞
Dominion Res	39⅞	39⅞	Newmont Mng	38⅞	38⅞	Warner-Lambert	67⅞	67⅞
Dunelley (RR)	32	31⅞	Niag Mohawk	19⅞	19⅞	Waste Mgmnt Inc	37⅞	38⅞
Dover Corp	46⅞	46⅞	Nike B	81⅞	80⅞	Wells Fargo	79⅞	79⅞
Dow Chemicals	55⅞	56⅞	NL Industries	5⅞	5⅞	Westinghouse El	14⅞	14⅞
Dow Jones	28⅞	28⅞	Nordstrom	39⅞	39	Weyerhaeuser	37⅞	37⅞
Dresser	18	18	Norfolk Sthrn	63	63⅞	Whirlpool	43⅞	44
Duke Power	35⅞	35⅞	Nthn States Pwr	43⅞	43⅞	Whitman	14⅞	14⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	58⅞	58⅞	Norwest Corp	41⅞	41⅞	Winn Dixie	77	76⅞
Du Pont	46	45⅞	Nynex Corp	85⅞	84⅞	Woolworth	28⅞	28⅞
Eastman Kodak	47⅞	47⅞	Occidental Pet	17⅞	17⅞	Wrigley (Wm) Jr	31⅞	32
Eaton Corp	79⅞	79⅞	Ohio Edison	22⅞	22⅞	Xerox	85⅞	85⅞

RECENT ISSUES

Critchley Group (220)	277	+13
Foreign & Col PEP Inv Tst 105	...	
Hoare Gvt Smlr Co Index 106	...	
Hunters Armley (90)	111	...
Intl Food Machinery (51)	61	-2
Jos Holdings Capital	38	...
Jos Holdings Income	94	...
Jos Zero Div Pf	111½	+½
National Express (165)	191	-2
OIS Intl Inspection (50)	55	...
Prime People Warrants	1½	...
Second Consolidated Tst	88	...
Tadpole Technology (65)	176	-1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Hilclare n/p (35)	3	...
Lonrho n/p (65)	¼	...
Melville n/p (5)	½	...
Property Trust p/p (25)	14	-1
Regal Hotel n/p (2)	1¼	...
Trio Holdings n/p (50)	12½	-1½
West Trust n/p (3)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
SG Warburg .... 552p (+13p)
Vosper Thorny .... 468p (+11p)
Whessoe .... 317p (+13p)
Man Utd .... 367p (+18p)
Aus Oil & Gas .... 52½p (+11p)
Lambert .... 395p (+15p)
Eurotunnel Uts .... 355p (+10p)
Mansfield .... 679p (+8p)

FALLS:
Allied-Lyons .... 606p (-12p)
Invergordon Dist .... 280p (-10p)
Whitbread 'A' .... 466p (-11p)
Commercial Union .... 611p (-9p)
SKF 'B' .... 662½p (-12½p)
P&O Dfd .... 511p (-9p)
Enterprise .... 409p (-14p)
Carlton Comm .... 789p (-13p)
Sanderson Elec .... 240p (-13p)
Takeda Chem .... 622p (-10p)
A Wood .... 125p (-25p)
Lloyds Abbey .... 415p (-12p)
Sun Alliance .... 338p (-11p)
Willis Corroon .... 182p (-9p)

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BRITISH FUNDS

Government securities stabilised with gains of up to £¼, after falling late on Tuesday on news of the latest gilt auction by the Bank of England, which is likely to raise the best part of £3 billion.

A Treasury select committee report had little influence on prices, although commentators said it suggests some underfunding if broad money growth remains subdued.

Steve Scott, gilt strategist at Kleinwort Benson, said the market managed to hold important support levels. The gilt future found support above £99¹⁶/₃₂, trading between £99¹²/₃₂ and £99²⁷/₃₂. It ended seven ticks firmer at £99²³/₃₂, on a volume of 23,000 contracts for the March series.

Among shorter-dated securities, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 rose eight ticks to £109²⁴/₃₂, while Treasury 9 per cent 2012 added five ticks to £100²⁸/₃₂ at the longer end.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
100	95¾	Fund 6% 1993	99⅞	...	6.01	6.23
100⅞	97¼	Treas 8¼% 1993	100¼†	...	8.24	6.99
101⅞	99⅞	Treas 10% 1993	100¼	...	9.93	6.83
104⅛	100⅞	Treas 12½% 1993	102⅞	-⅛	12.14	6.55
107¼	103⅞	Treas 13¾% 1993	105⅞	...	12.98	6.53
102⅞	96¼	Treas 8¼% 1994	101⅞xd	...	8.34	6.52
104⅞	96¼	Treas 9% 1994	103¾	...	8.66	6.68
105⅞	98⅞	Treas 10% 1994	104⅞	...	9.57	6.61
110⅞	103⅞	Exch 12½% 1994	108⅞	...	11.51	6.72
110⅞	103⅞	Exch 13½% 1994	108⅞	...	12.46	6.62
110⅞	104⅞	Treas 14½% 1994	108⅞	..	13.37	6.61
95¼	88¼	Gas 3% 1990-95	94½	...	3.17	5.27
109¼	99⅞	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅞xd	+⅛	9.50	6.82
111⅞	102⅞	Treas 12% 1995	109⅞xd	+⅛	10.94	6.81
116½	106¼	Treas 12¾% 1995	114⅞	+⅛	11.11	6.93
104½	98⅞	Treas 9% 1992-96	100⅞†	...	8.99	7.07
110⅞	98⅞	Conv 10% 1996	109⅞	+⅛	9.16	7.19
119⅞	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	117⅞	+⅛	11.31	7.36
119⅞	109⅞	Treas 14% 1996	117⅞†	+⅛	11.88	7.30
125¼	113⅞	Treas 15¼% 1996	122⅞	+⅛	12.40	7.30
112½	100⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	110⅞	+⅛	9.46	7.33
121⅞	109⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	119⅞xd	+⅛	11.06	7.46
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
107⅞	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	105⅞	+⅛	8.27	7.24
131⅞	117⅞	Exch 15% 1997	129¾	+⅛	11.61	7.58
99⅞	86⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98⅞	+⅛	6.87	7.14
111⅞	97⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	109⅞xd	+⅛	8.89	7.39
121⅞	107⅞	Exch 12% 1998	118¾	+⅛	10.09	7.89
137⅞	125⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	134⅞	+⅛	11.51	7.85
111⅞	97⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	108¼†	+⅛	8.73	7.63
115⅞	100⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	112⅞	+⅛	9.09	7.80
116⅞	101⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	113⅞	+⅛	9.25	7.75
123⅞	109½	Exch 12¼% 1999	120¾	+⅛	10.18	8.00
109¼	94¼	Conv 9% 2000	106¼	+⅛	8.47	7.83
128¼	114⅞	Treas 13% 2000	125⅞	+⅛	10.34	8.32
113⅞	99⅞	Treas 10% 2001	110⅞	+⅛	9.08	8.25
128⅞	115⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	126⅞	+⅛	11.11	7.93
111½	98¼	Treas 9¾% 2002	108⅞	+⅛	8.98	8.42
113⅞	100⅞	Treas 10% 2003	110⅞	+⅛	9.08	8.53
69¼	59½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	68⅞	+⅛	5.13	7.71
109⅞	96⅞	Conv 9½% 2004	106¼	+⅛	8.94	8.63
120¼	107⅞	Treas 11½% 2001-04	117⅞	+⅛	9.83	8.58
109⅞	96⅞	Conv 9½% 2005	106⅞	+⅛	8.94	8.64
128¼	116⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	124⅞	+⅛	10.04	8.90
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
97⅞	85¼	Treas 8% 2002-06	94¼	-⅛	8.44	8.68
100⅞	89⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	97⅞xd	+⅛	8.70	8.77
122¾	110⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	118⅞xd	+⅛	9.89	8.85
104⅞	93⅞	Treas 9% 2008	101⅞	+⅛	8.85	8.79
135⅞	123⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	131⅞	+⅛	10.24	8.93
95⅞	85⅞	Treas 8% 2009	92⅞	+⅛	8.64	8.85
103¾	93⅞	Conv 9% 2011	101	+⅛	8.91	8.88
72¾	62¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	70⅞	+⅛	7.81	8.64
92⅞	81⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	89¼†	+⅛	8.62	8.79
130⅞	118⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	126⅞	+⅛	9.49	9.14
		UNDATED				
29⅞	24⅞	Consols 2½%	29⅞	...	8.57	...
29	24⅞	Treas 2½%	27⅞	...	8.95	...
35	29⅞	Treas 3%	33⅞	...	8.84	...
63⅞	59	Conv 3½%	61⅞	-⅛	5.71	...
45⅞	39¾	Consols 4%	44⅞†	-⅛	9.05	...
40¼	35⅞	War Ln 3½%	39	...	8.97	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
132¾	122¾	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	...	0.51	2.28
197¾	176⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	194⅞	-⅛	2.19	2.86
162⅞	139⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2001	159	-⅛	3.34	3.66
158¾	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	155⅞	-⅛	3.44	3.71
162⅞	137⅞	Treas IL 2% 2006	159¾†	-⅛	3.57	3.78
147⅞	124⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2009	144¼	-⅛	3.70	3.89
152⅞	129⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	149	-⅛	3.72	3.89
126¼	106⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2013	122⅞†	-⅛	3.76	3.91
133⅞	112¼	Treas IL 2½% 2016	130⅞†	-⅛	3.77	3.92
128⅞	107⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	124¾	-⅛	3.81	3.94
106⅞	88¼	Treas IL 2½% 2024	103†	-⅛	3.84	3.96

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	1,800	Carlton C	584	Land Secs	901	Scot Hydro	2,100
Alld-Lyons	1,100	Coats Vyla	1,400	Legal & Gn	1,100	Scot & New	817
Anglian W	165	Cm Union	509	Lloyds Bk	1,800	Scot Power	4,400
Argyll Gp	1,300	Courtaulds	850	MB Cardn	471	Sears	8,500
Arjo Wig	3,400	*De La Rue*	618	*Marks Spr*	4,500	*Svrn Trent*	834
AB Foods	607	Eng China	1,500	NFC	717	Shell Trans	3,300
BAA	1,900	Enterpr Oil	607	NatWst Bk	3,600	Siebe	1,500
BAT Inds	1,000	Fisons	1,200	Nat Power	4,600	SmKl Bch	2,600
BET	1,500	Forte	2,800	Nth Wst W	967	Smith Nph	2,100
BOC	356	GRE	865	Nthrn Fds	1,900	Smith (WH)	953
BP	6,100	GUS A	280	P & O	1,000	Sthern Elec	159
BT	5,600	Gen Acc	501	Pearson	374	Sun Allnce	1,500
BTR	3,400	Gen Elec	2,400	PowerGen	5,100	TI Gp	816
Bk of Scot	737	Glaxo	6,200	Prudential	5,600	TSB	5,000
Barclays	4,400	Granada	1,000	RTZ	1,900	Tate & Lyle	1,400
Bass	1,900	Grand Met	1,200	Rank Org	2,000	Tesco	4,700
Blue Circle	1,900	Guinness	6,700	Reckitt Col	870	Thames W	381
Boots	2,700	HSBC	6,300	Redland	1,100	Thrn EMI	1,500
Bowater	896	Hanson	6,500	Reed Intl	863	Tomkins	2,300
Brit Airwys	5,600	ICI	1,100	Rentokil	673	Unilever	1,400
Brit Gas	4,600	*Inchcape*	477	*Reuters*	342	*Utd Bisc*	1,100
Brit Steel	1,800	Kingfisher	1,300	Rolls Royce	6,300	Vodafone	1,500
Burmah Cstl	360	Kwik Save	561	Rothmans	100	Wellcome	1,800
Cable Wire	1,300	LASMO	4,000	Ryl Bk Scot	2,300	Whitbd 'A'	1,700
Cadbury	1,100	Ladbroke	2,900	Sainsbury	1,400	Wlms Hld	2,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3251.94 (-12.70)
S&P Composite .... 430.95 (-0.09)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 16517.91 (-163.14)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 5778.74 (+107.48)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 96.4 (same)

Sydney: AO .... 1495.0 (-14.3)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1516.50 (-13.69)

FTSE Euro 100: 1063.02 (-8.41)

Brussels:
General .... 5649.11 (+7.94)

Paris: CAC .... *471.24 (-6.38)*

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 438.3 (+0.8)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1331.18 (-4.99)
FT 500 .... 1477.65 (-4.77)
FT Gold Mines .... 60.8 (-0.5)
FT Fixed Interest .... 108.91 (+0.07)
FT Govt Secs .... 93.43 (+0.12)
Bargains 26741
SEAQ Volume 652.8m
USM (Datastream) .... 123.55 (-0.69)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 11	January 29	April 15	April 26

Call options were taken out on 13/1/93: Allied Leisure, ASDA, MFI, Sims Food.

Puts & Calls: ASDA, Hanson Wts.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2779.0	2790.0	2755.0	2759.0	10626
Previous open interest: 46277	Jun 93	2797.0	2803.0	2789.0	2778.5	433
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	93.28	93.35	93.25	93.34	23392
Previous open interest: 227995	*Jun 93*	*93.61*	*93.66*	*93.60*	*93.64*	*10122*
	Sep 93	93.67	93.73	93.67	93.70	3375
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.48	96.49	96.48	96.48	507
Previous open interest: 19710	Jun 93	96.12	96.12	96.10	96.10	205
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	91.99	92.08	91.98	92.05	37936
Previous open interest: 403624	Jun 93	92.85	92.91	92.81	92.86	27574
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	103-18	103-18	103-18	103-24	5
Previous open interest: 711	Jun 93				102-16	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	99-13	99-27	99-12	99-23	27453
Previous open interest: 53745	Jun 93	100-04	100-04	100-04	100-11	40
Japanese Govmt Bond	*Mar 93*	*108.79*	*108.81*	*108.72*	*108.74*	*801*
	Jun 93				108.18	0
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	92.88	92.91	92.76	92.80	54049
Previous open interest: 158769	Jun 93	92.87	92.93	92.80	92.85	810
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.38	90.39	90.35	90.36	778
Previous open interest: 11565	Jun 93	91.58	91.58	91.54	91.55	246
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.42	94.51	94.40	94.49	10272
Previous open interest: 37199	Jun 93	94.84	94.89	94.81	94.89	2267
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	93.75	93.78	93.35	93.42	7326
Previous open interest: 23057	Jun 93				93.52	0

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 81.8 (day's range 81.8-82.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 13	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8200-2.8409	2.8200-2.8297	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅞ds
Brussels	51.64-51.97	51.64-51.75	5-9ds	12-18ds
Copenhagen	9.6770-9.7610	9.6770-9.6990	4⅞-8ds	13⅞-18⅞ds
Dublin	0.9505-0.9536	0.9508-0.9533	199-631ds	295-1199ds
Frankfurt	2.5123-2.5248	2.5123-2.5156	¼-⅛ds	¾-1ds
Lisbon	224.77-226.18	224.77-225.23	145-157ds	403-430ds
Madrid	177.38-179.77	177.38-178.28	126-136ds	340-359ds
Milan	2315.20-2344.00	2315.00-2325.00	11-13ds	31-34ds
Montreal	1.9709-1.9825	1.9720-1.9742	0.03-0.02pr	0.07pr-par
New York	1.5385-1.5470	1.5385-1.5395	0.53-0.51pr	1.41-1.39pr
Oslo	10.6770-10.7790	10.6770-10.7000	3⅛-4⅞ds	8⅞-10⅛ds
Paris	8.4840-8.5670	8.4840-8.4990	3⅞-4ds	9⅞-10⅞ds
Stockholm	11.4110-11.6270	11.4110-11.4350	3⅛-3⅞ds	8⅞-9⅛ds
Tokyo	193.77-194.71	193.77-194.07	⅞-¼pr	1¾-1⅜pr
Vienna	17.64-17.76	17.64-17.69	2-3ds	4⅞-6⅞ds
Zurich	2.2989-2.3165	2.2989-2.3021	¾-¼pr	⅞-⅞pr

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5389-1.5415
Australia dollar	2.2899-2.2932
Bahrain dinar	0.575-0.587
Brazil cruzeiro *	20960.8-20974.9
Cyprus pound	0.74-0.75
Finland marka	8.3345-8.4505
Greece drachma	333.0-340.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.9335-11.9429
India rupee	44.06-45.02
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4645-0.4745
Malaysia ringgit	4.0097-4.0139
Mexico peso	4.75-4.85
New Zealand dollar	2.9922-3.0000
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7145-5.8405
Singapore dollar	2.5597-2.5630
S Africa rand (fin)	7.4062-7.5936
S Africa rand (com)	4.7297-4.7352
U A E dirham	5.5955-5.7195

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4845-1.4856
Austria	11.46-11.48
Belgium (Com)	33.54-33.58
Canada	1.2810-1.2815
Denmark	6.30-6.31
France	5.5300-5.5350
Germany	1.6305-1.6315
Hong Kong	7.7365-7.7375
Ireland	1.6150-1.6180
Italy	1505.0-1515.0
Japan	125.85-125.95
Malaysia	2.5995-2.6005
Netherlands	1.8340-1.8370
Norway	6.9590-6.9690
Portugal	146.00-146.20
Singapore	1.6595-1.6605
Spain	115.70-116.20
Sweden	7.44-7.45
Switzerland	1.4945-1.4955

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 2 Week fixed: 6⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅞; 3 mth 6⅞. Sell: 2 mth 6⅞; 3 mth: 6⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	
Sterling Money Rates:	7⅞-6⅞	7-7	7⅞-7⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞
Interbank:	7⅞-6⅞	7-7	7⅞-7⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞

Overnight: open n/a, close n/a.

Local Authority Deps:	7⅞	n/a	7⅞	6⅞	6⅞
Sterling CDs:	6⅞-6⅞	7⅞-6⅞	7⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞
Dollar CDs:	3.15-3.12	n/a	3.20-3.17	3.33-3.30	3.79-3.76
Building Society CDs:	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1992 Agreed rates Jan 26, 1993 to Feb 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.38%. Schemes II & III: 8.50%. Reference rate Dec 1, 1992 to Dec 31, 1992 Scheme IV & V: 7.232%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8⅞	8⅞-8⅞	8⅞-8⅞	8⅞-8	9⅞-8⅞
French Franc:	12⅞-11⅞	11⅞-11⅞	11⅞-11⅞	10⅞-10⅞	16-11
Swiss Franc:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-4⅞
Yen:	3⅞-3⅞	3⅞-3⅞	3⅞-3⅞	3⅞-3⅞	4⅞-3⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $327.90-328.40 Close: $327.25-327.65 High: $328.65-329.15 Low: $327.00-327.50 Krugerrand: $326.50-328.50 (£212.25-213.75)

Sovereigns: Old $78.00-81.00 (£50.50-52.50) New $78.00-81.00 (£50.50-52.50)

Platinum: $356.25 (£230.95) Silver: $3.68 (£2.385) Palladium: $110.00 (£71.30)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon	600	19	40	52	8½	23	38
(*605½)	650	2½	17	28	45	53	68
ASDA	60	6	9½	13	2	5	8
(*64½)	70	2	6½	9	7½	11	13
Bass	550	45	64	77	2	12	21
(*555)	600	10	33	47	17	32	42
Boots	460	42	55	61	1	6½	16
(*496½)	500	10	29	35	11	22	32
Br Airways	260	15	26	32	4	12	21
(*266)	280	5	17	23	14	20	32
BP	220	17	22	27	2	7	11
(*236½)	240	3½	10½	17	9	16½	21
	260	1	5	10	27	31	34
Br Steel	60	3	7	10	3	6½	9
(*60)	70	1	4	6½	11	13	15½
C & W	700	14	36	54	17	33	49
(*691½)	750	2	17	33	59	60	79
CU	600	24	38	49	6	25	34
(*611)	650	3	15	27	38	57	64
Courtauld	550	38	52	63	4	15	26
(*571½)	600	6	26	34	26	37	48
GKN	460	14	26	36	8	29	35
(*465)	500	2	10	20	37	55	59
Grnd Met	420	13	30	44	10	20	28
(*422)	460	2	14	26	40	45	51
ICI	1050	36	63	84	13	54	69
(*1071½)	1100	11	36	62	35	87	100
	1150	3½	20	45	82	125	135
Kingfishr	550	22	43	53	8	22	37
(*555)	600	3	20	30	42	50	63
Ladbroke	180	14	23	29	4	15	21
(*187½)	200	3½	15	21	14	27	32
Land Sec	420	24	35	41	2	7	19
(*440½)	460	3	13	16	23	28	43
M & S	300	20	30	35	2	7	14
(*313½)	330	2½	12	20	16	21	28
Sainsbury	550	15	35	46	10	22	31
(*555½)	600	2½	14	25	47	53	61
Shell	500	29	34	44	2½	14	19
(*526)	550	2½	8½	20	29	46	48
Smkl Bch	475	17	-	-	7	-	-
(*476½)	500	5½	23	37	23	33	42
Storehse	200	12	22	27	5½	11	15
(*210½)	220	3	12	16	15	22	27
Trafalgar	80	7	13½	15	2	6	9
(*87)	90	2	7	12	7	10	14
Unilever	1050	21	47	66	13	38	50
(*1053½)	1100	4	24	43	50	69	80
Utd Bisc	360	15	26	33	4	17	22
(*368½)	390	3	12	16	21	36	39

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAA	700	62	79	87	6	14	23
(*742½)	750	26	49	59	22	33	44
BAT Ind	950	48	62	78	17	44	52
(*974)	1000	22	38	54	42	72	79
BTR	500	51	56	63	3	11	15
(*544)	550	15	23	33	18	34	38
Br Aero	160	27	33	40	12	23	29
(*169½)	180	17	25	33	22	35	42
Br Telecom	360	33	42	47	3½	6½	12½
(*386)	390	11½	23	28	11½	17½	26
Cadbury	420	40	44	51	4	12	17
(*449)	460	13	21	30	18	32	36
Guinness	460	25	37	45	13	26	32
(*466)	500	8½	19	27	39	50	54
GEC	260	14	22	26	5	9	14½
(*267)	290	5	11½	15½	16	19	26
Hanson	220	22	26	29	2	5	7½
(*236)	240	8	13½	18½	8	13½	16½
LASMO	140	13	20	23	8	15	18
(*146)	160	5½	10	16	21	27	31
Lucas	140	18	22	27	8½	16	20
(*148½)	160	7	14	19	22	28	32
P & O	500	33	47	58	17	37	45
(*510½)	550	11	26	35	47	60	77
Pilkngtn	100	14	18	21	6	11	14
(*109)	110	7	15	19	12	17	21
Prudential	280	15	21	25	7½	17	20
(*283½)	300	5½	12	16	20	29	32
RTZ	600	59	67	77	7	24	32
(*633½)	650	25	37	50	26	45	54
Scot New	420	32	43	50	5½	14	22
(*438)	460	10	22	29	25	34	42
Tesco	260	14	20	30	8	15	18
(*264)	280	6	12	17	20	27	30
Thames W	460	38	50	57	4½	10	19
(*490½)	500	12	27	31	19	27	35
Vodafone	390	26	39	48	11	21	28
(*399)	420	12	25	34	28	37	44

FT-SE INDEX (*2743)

	2650	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900
Calls						
Jan	106	57	14	2	¼	½
Feb	137	95	72	41	24	16
Mar	164	130	90	67	51	34
Apr	183	153	117	92	71	53
Jun	-	177	-	120	-	85
Puts						
Jan	1	5	24	59	108	153
Feb	24	40	62	95	127	160
Mar	42	56	79	102	134	160
Apr	52	68	90	115	145	178
Jun	-	90	-	136	-	195

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	360	22	29	41	18	25	29
(*362)	390	8½	15	24	38	42	45
Amstrad	20	5	6	7	2	3	3½
(*23)	25	2	3½	4	5	5½	6
Barclays	360	28	36	40	25	33	40
(*366½)	390	14	22	29	46	52	60
Blue Circ	180	27	33	42	10	20	25
(*193½)	200	16	22	31	20	31	35
Br Gas	280	13	15	21	10½	19½	23
(*276½)	300	5	8	13	26	35	36
	330	2	3½	6½	55	61	61
Dixons	240	13	23	27	23	26	32
(*224½)	260	7	14	20	36	40	45
Eurotnnl	330	48	63	72	15	25	30
(*355)	360	25	43	55	30	39	45
Forte	180	20	24	26	11	18	21
(*181½)	200	11	14	17	21	31	34
Glaxo	700	57	82	103	27	41	51
(*722½)	750	31	57	78	54	67	78
	800	17	37	57	90	100	110
HSBC	500	50	61	77	23	34	45
(*523)	550	23	40	53	50	62	71
Hillsdwn	130	23	27	30	7	15	18
(*142½)	140	17	22	25	12	20	23
Lonrho	60	15	17½	20	3½	5½	8
(*72)	70	9	12	15	7½	10	12½
Reuter	1350	87	117	145	60	82	104
(*1369)	1400	60	90	122	90	112	130
R-Royce	100	12	15	17½	9	11½	14
(*105)	110	7	11	13	14	17½	19
Sears	90	13	16	18	3	6½	8
(*97)	100	8	10	13	6	12	14
Thrn Emi	800	77	97	105	11	20	34
(*848½)	850	42	65	75	29	40	58
TSB	140	13	16½	20	7½	11	14
(*146½)	160	4½	8	12	20	25	26
Vaal Reefs	25	6½	6	5½	2½	3	3½
(*$28)	30	2½	4	4	5½	6	7½
Wellcome	900	57	79	130	42	59	79
(*908)	950	34	57	102	72	87	100

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Fisons	220	21	35	43	3	14	25
(*237)	240	9	25	35	12	24	36

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Eastrn Elc	400	34	47	-	6	13	-
(*412)	430	15	-	-	15	-	-

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	280	19	25	30	10½	15	22
(*298½)	300	9	17	21	23	27	33
Scot Pwr	220	13	20	24	6	9	14
(*229)	240	5	9½	14	19	21	25

January 13, 1993 Tot: 32417 Calls 17327 Puts 15090 FT-SE Calls 4627 Puts 4095
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Late trade in the wheat market saw a steady trend continue as traders sought volume interest. Both wheat and barley finished at their day highs and although finishing on a steadier note, traders are not convinced that a bull trend is developing. Robusta coffee futures ended around the day's highs as the market looked to be firmly back on an upward course after its recent downside correction.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Mar	703-702	May	800 SLR
May	716-715	Jul	816 SLR
Jul	730-729	Sep	830-828
Sep	745-744	Dec	848 BID
Dec	764-763		
Mar	786-785	Volume:	6605

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1005-1004	Sep	972-971
Mar	957-956	Nov	976-970
May	975-974	Jan	985-975
Jul	968-966	Volume:	6082

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	193.0-91.0
Spot 185.0		Dec	191.0-87.0
Mar	184.4-85.0	Mar	196.0-92.0
May	191.0-89.0	May	198.0-94.0
Aug	192.0-91.0	Volume:	29

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	247.0-45.6
Spot 254.5		Dec	250.0-48.0
Mar	253.3-52.5	Mar	250.0-49.1
May	254.0-53.0	May	253.0-50.1
Aug	259.0-57.6	Volume:	1155

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 13

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	79.72	83.29	117.00
(+/-)	-0.73	+0.78	+0.89
Eng/Wales	79.72	88.49	117.03
(+/-)	-0.73	-1.00	-0.75
(%)	-15.7	-3.6	-2.9
Scotland	n/a	97.29	116.82
(+/-)	n/a	-0.33	-1.73
(%)	n/a	-23.2	-7.1

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Feb	100.5	100.5	Jun	unq	unq
Apr	unq	unq		Volume:	4

GNI LONDON
GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	134.80
Mar	136.50
May	138.45
Jun	139.60
Sep	108.15
Volume:	121

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	130.65
Mar	132.50
May	134.00
Sep	106.50
Nov	109.50
Volume:	29

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Feb	152.00
Apr	150.00
Jun	140.00
Aug	140.80
Oct	145.00
Volume:	20

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	61.0	61.3
May	71.0	71.0
Apr	91.0	93.0
Volume:		37

RUBBER
No 1 RSS CIF (p/k)
Feb 64.50-64.00

JCIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): News that the US had taken military action against Iraq managed to improve oil prices.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.00	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Jan)	17.10	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Feb)	17.20	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	18.60	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	*18.80*	*+0.20*

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	184 (n/c)	186 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	167 (-3)	168 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Feb	172 (-3)	173 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Mar	*169 (-3)*	*170 (-3)*
3.5 Fuel Oil	70 (n/c)	72 (+1)
Naphtha	176 (+2)	179 (-3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	165.75 BID	May	164.50-65.00
Mar	165.25-65.50	Jun	164.50 BID
Apr	164.50-64.75	Jul	166.75-67.25
		Vol:	16667

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	17.12-17.20	May	17.73 SLR
Mar	17.30-17.35	Jun	17.74-17.83
Apr	17.47 SLR	Vol:	43347

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	184.00 SLR	May	196.00 SLR
Mar	187.00-88.50	Jun	n/a
Apr	194.25-96.00	Vol:	784

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 93	1280	1275	1280
Feb 93	1250	1250	1250
Mar 93	1255	1250	1253
Apr 93	1270	1255	1270

Vol: 87 lots. Open intrst: 3109 Index 1302 -6

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1443.0-1443.5	1463.5-1464.0	2091225
Lead (£/tonne)	281.50-282.00	291.50-292.00	59575
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1052.0-1053.0	1072.0-1072.5	230700
Tin ($/tonne)	5830.0-5835.0	5895.0-5900.0	10760
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1220.0-1220.5	1242.0-1242.5	896725
Nickel ($/tonne)	5990.0-5991.0	6050.0-6055.0	92184

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Birthday of the bond that carried London to the top

The City today toasts Sir Siegmund Warburg, 30 years after he became the founding father of the eurobond, writes Richard Roberts



Founding father: Sir Siegmund Warburg saw that offshore dollars could be the basis of a new market

London's pre-eminence as an international financial centre is one of the wonders of the world. Unlike New York and Tokyo it is not underpinned by a mighty domestic economy, nor is sterling a leading world currency. London's success is based on the provision of an unrivalled range and quality of international financial services and on playing host to a uniquely numerous international financial community. Among the activities in which it excels is the eurobond market, celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

It was not by chance that this international capital market made its home in London. Counting in its favour were many favourable legacies of its pre-war role as the world's leading financial centre. Furthermore, London had established itself as the foremost eurodollar banking centre, though Paris, Switzerland and Luxembourg were also significant centres and were feasible alternative locations for the eurobond market. But London also had a vital human advantage — the imagination, boldness and determination of the late Sir Siegmund Warburg.

The founder of S G Warburg & Co, has often been described as an "outsider", arriving in Britain almost penniless as a refugee from Hitler's Germany. His background gave a detachment from the hide-bound thinking of the City establishment, permitting him to pioneer innovations such as the hostile takeover bid. But among international financiers, he was a supreme insider; the scion of a two-hundred-year-old Hamburg banking dynasty, a trainee at Rothschilds and a partner at Kuhn Loeb, the leading New York investment bank. No-one had a better grasp of international finance.

In the decade after the second world war, international finance was focused in New York and conducted in dollars. A new pattern began to emerge in the second half of the 1950s with the development of the eurodollar market based on offshore holdings of dollars. Sir Siegmund knew from friends at the World Bank that offshore holdings were estimated at $3 billion. His insight was that these funds could be the basis of a new international capital market.

At the start of the 1960s, the other factors necessary for the success of the eurobond market were falling into place. There was buoyant demand for long-term funds, particularly from Europe. But American authorities were concerned about the gaping balance of payments deficit, blaming European capital raising in New York for exacerbating the problem, and threatening restrictions.

Of course, Sir Siegmund could not create the market single-handed, but he was confident that the concept would find favour with European banks. It became clear that the bulk of the bonds issued in New York for European clients were bought by European investors. Yet the rewards of the European banks that undertook the retail distribution were paltry by comparison with those of American underwriters. But if the bonds were issued in Europe by syndicates of European banks they would get the lion's share of the fees.

What was needed was a showcase issue to launch the new market. The client was crucial — it had to be a European body of impeccable financial credentials. Negotiations were opened with the European Coal and Steel Community (a forerunner of the European Community) but without success.

When the eurobond concept was put to Instituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale (IRI), the Italian state industrial holding company, it was received enthusiastically because the IRI had ambitious capital expenditure plans for Finsider, its steel-making subsidiary. Finsider's accounts, however, made dismal reading and it was feared that, even with the IRI guarantee, the issue might be shunned by investors.

The problem was cleverly overcome; it was agreed that the loan would be presented to the market as though it was destined for another IRI subsidiary, Autostrade, the Italian toll-motorway company whose books were very strong.

The crucial agreement between Warburgs and IRI, giving the green light to the first eurobond issue, was concluded on January 14, 1963 — 30 years ago today. Sir Siegmund's problems had only just begun, however. There ensued six months of difficult negotiations to win concessions from the London Stock Exchange, the Inland Revenue, the Stamp Office and the Bank of England that which were essential for success. The deal almost foundered, for instance, over the question of stamp duty, the authorities insisting on an impossible 4 per cent. But the cause was taken up and won by Sir George Bolton, an ally who was a former senior Bank official and himself had fostered the development of eurodollar banking in London.

The final preliminary to the issue was the preparation of the prospectus. Initially, the wording "foreign dollar bond" was used, but when Julius Strauss, one of the brokers, saw the draft he put a red pencil through it and substituted his own term — eurobond.

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The Autostrade issue for $15 million, about $75 million in today's money, was launched on July 1, 1963, by a syndicate of European banks lead-managed by Warburgs. *The Times* reported the issue without editorial comment, instead quoting Warburgs' hope that it "would mark a step forward in the process in re-establishing the position which the London capital market held before the war".

The initiative was perfectly timed. Just 18 days later, President Kennedy announced the introduction of the Interest Equalization Tax designed to choke off foreign capital raising in America. Yet European companies and governments still had massive capital requirements that could not be met from domestic sources, so they gradually turned to the fledgling eurobond market; in 1963, eurobond issues totalled $147 million; in 1964, $640 million. London's early lead meant that most new issues were originated there, and that secondary market dealing in eurobonds came to be centred there too.

The eurobond market grew apace, spurred by further government restrictions on access to the American capital market. Moreover, American banks and corporations joined the ranks of eurobond issuers to take advantage of the favourable terms that the market offered. New issues were $17 billion per annum in the second half of the 1970s; $135 billion in 1987 and $215 billion in 1989. In 1992, the volume of the eurobond new issues was $270 billion, a 400-fold increase on 1963 on an inflation-adjusted basis.

The thriving Euromarkets drew foreign banks to London in droves — 114 were represented in 1967; 335 in 1975; 460 in 1988 — and for many years the leading eurobond managers have been foreign houses, though British firms have significant niche positions.

The broadening and deepening of the markets sustained London's pre-eminence, Bank of England estimates indicating that at the beginning of the 1990s it was the location of about 65 per cent of eurobond new issues and perhaps 70 per cent of secondary market trading activity.

The immediate outlook for the eurobond market is rosy. The authoritative *International Financing Review* anticipates a record $300 billion new issues in 1993, resulting from government borrowings to replenish exchange reserves and to bridge soaring budget deficits, and large scale refinancings of maturing bonds. The longer-term outlook for London is challenging. In the past five years, the distinction between the offshore eurobond market and the domestic european bond markets has been blurred by liberalisation and moves towards a single European capital market. For the moment, London remains the centre for arbitrage between these different markets but if the Treaty of Maastricht is implemented these distinctions will be eliminated.

London will then have the opportunity to be the financial capital of the single European market — a far bigger prize than being home to the eurobond market for the past 30 years. Whether this can be accomplished against a background of political ambivalence in Britain towards the EC (today is also the 30th anniversary of President de Gaulle's veto of Britain's first application for membership) remains to be seen and will depend on the courage and creativeness of the heirs of Sir Siegmund Warburg, Julius Strauss and Sir George Bolton.

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TEMPUS ARTICLE

FNFC leads cash queue

THE market has been quivering in its socks all week about the threat of impending rights issues. The mountains have raged and brought forth a mouse.

First National Finance's plea for £47 million to repair its tattered balance sheet may prove to be the first of a succession of rescue cash calls but it is not going to cause institutions any sleepless nights about funding. For safety's sake, the market was prepared for the issue by well informed leaks in the Sunday press.

Bad debts have drained more than £50 million from the consumer finance group's reserves in the last two years. FNFC has responded by securitising £170 million of consumer loans and would be wise to take more assets off its balance sheet, but the group needs additional capital to take advantage of any reawakening of the moribund consumer loan markets.

The preference share issue will have to carry a high dividend coupon since FNFC's figures, when they are published on Friday, will be desperate. There will be losses of perhaps £33 million, no ordinary dividend, and precious little sign that bad debts are abating in FNCB, the commercial banking operation. At least the consumer finance business is back in profit, helped by lower interest rates and tighter lending criteria. Most of FNFC's lending is property-backed and the collapse in the housing market has made bad-debt recoveries on second mortgages rare.

FNFC was kept alive by the Bank of England's City lifeboat after the last property meltdown in the seventies. This time, it looks as though it will scrape through less ignominiously with the help of this additional cash.

Dozens of other companies, from blue chips to the walking wounded of the USM, are now jockeying for position in the Bank of England's voluntary rights issue queue for a similar infusion of institutional cash. They will be contending with the BT3 sale as well as government gilt sales.

As the chorus of cash demands rises, institutions will become more choosy and suspicious of me-too rights issues that eventually turned the market sour in the summer of 1991. Only companies with superb stories to tell, generous terms on offer or very loyal shareholders can be confident that they will receive the funds they ask for.

By summer, when a modest preference offer might be greeted with indifference or even hostility, FNFC may be extremely glad it was first in the queue for the institutions' cash.

Dixons Group

STANLEY Kalms says he will not cut and run, but the problems at the American business of Dixons Group are enough to make a weaker man flee in terror.

Closure of 45 Silo stores in the Midwest, at a cost of $40 million, barely begins to help Dixons climb out of the hole it has dug itself into. Silo will continue to lose money for at least three years, even if management at Dixons discovers the magic formula to improve sales.

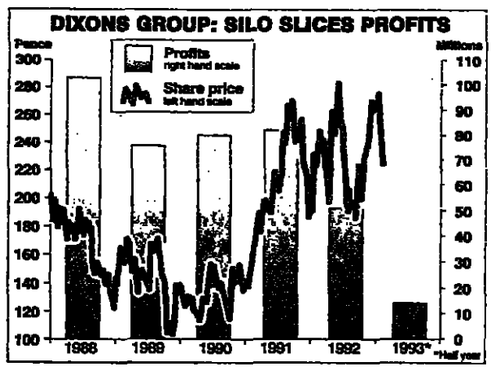
Dixons has made a succession of expensive errors in its treatment of Silo. The first was paying $320 million. Then the group decided to expand the chain across America instead of using the cash to relocate and refurbish existing branches, allowing competitors to take a two-year lead by moving to out-of-town superstores.

Mr Kalms and his team may finally be taking remedial action, but they have to relocate up to 100 stores in the next five years. This will soak up much of the cash generated by the British stores, cash those stores need to update their own business and stay ahead of new competitors.

Ultimately, it could be cheaper to close Silo, at a cost of at least $200 million, regardless of Mr Kalms' defiant stand.

At least Dixons is still succeeding at home, as the recent 17 per cent rise in sales shows.

However, while America is so cash hungry, Mr Kalms will be praying that the latest recovery in high street spending is less fragile than previous ones.



David S Smith

JAM tomorrow has long been promised by David S Smith, Britain's largest paper manufacturer. Superficially, the latest results suggest the long-awaited jam has arrived in dollops — sales up 51 per cent and earnings per share more than trebled.

The celebrations may be premature. Last year's figures were depressed by a £9 million exceptional charge, and this year the group is enjoying a tax holiday arising from its investment programme. There is also a significant first-time contribution from Kaysersberg, the French packaging company bought last March.

Relying on acquisition-driven growth rather than organic growth is always a dangerous strategy. Two-thirds of the group's earnings came from acquisitions, and Peter Williams, the chief executive, admits that organic growth is unlikely until modernisation of its Kemsley paper mill is complete.

That said, Kaysersberg is producing admirable operating margins of 14.6 per cent, compared with 7.6 per cent for the group. But its contribution may fall in the next six months — and probably beyond — as continental markets falter. This is likely to offset any tentative recovery seen in Britain.

There may be jam, but tomorrow is another day.

Liffe

THE alliance between Matif and the DTB, the French and German futures exchanges, poses a threat to the City's pre-eminent position in Europe's fastest-growing financial market, but a threat it thinks it can live with.

Executives from Liffe, the London international financial futures exchange, were relaxed about the co-operation agreement yesterday. Ironically, many were in Frankfurt, celebrating the launch of Liffe's medium-term bund future, the Bobl, next week.

Liffe has a lot to lose. It still controls more than 70 per cent of the bund futures market, which it founded in 1988, despite fierce competition from the DTB in the last two years. The Franco-German alliance means members of the Matif will no longer need to call London when they want to trade in German futures, so Liffe's market share will fall further. Liffe believes the alliance will expand the market, rather than poach existing business. If it is wrong, the champagne launch of the Bobl could leave a sour taste.

Monetary aggregates

THE Treasury select committee's scorn about what it calls the government's "pick and mix" monetary policy may be a touch harsh, but there is still concern about which monetary constellation is guiding the Chancellor.

The search for the perfect set of indicators is still some way from success, judging from an arcane meeting at the Bank of England yesterday. Various candidates were considered for adoption. One, the Divisia measure, purports to do what M4 did not — take into account the effects of financial deregulation. Perhaps it will star in a future Bank quarterly bulletin.

The markets are unlikely to be impressed. They are still obsessed with M0, in the belief that jangling cash is a sure sign of a consumer-led recovery.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Lewis in the pink

GILTS guru Stephen Lewis says his accuracy in predicting future movements in the market has improved dramatically during the past four years, ever since he acquired the habit of regularly reading 18-month-old copies of the *Financial Times*. Lewis, still a bachelor, who divides his time between houses in Finchley and Montagu Square — "Because the bond market gets going at 7am and if I commute from Montagu Square rather than Finchley I can have an extra 40 minutes in bed" — reveals he has piled up back copies of the newspaper on his sofa and arm chairs. A former Phillips & Drew partner and these days the founder and part-owner of The London Bond Broking Company, he says he reads the latest *FT* every morning and an 18-month old edition — in sequence — every evening. "But every now and again I go out and get drunk which means I miss a night. I've calculated that if I fulfill my allotted lifespan of 72 years I will, by then, be 14 years behind." He attributes his improved performance since acquiring this novel habit to "the new perspective" it gives him. He can, he says, spend anything from 20 minutes to six hours studying just one copy. "After a while you start to develop a sense of *déjà vu* and to recognise situations almost before they unfold. You start to spot the signs. The only problem is sometimes you forget whether you read something in the latest edition or the old one, which can be tricky."

Screen test

A NEW, if shortlived, market place for options traders will be in operation at the Meridien Hotel, Piccadilly, on Saturday. The opening game of the Five Nations Rugby Tournament — England v France — will be shown live from Twickenham on a giant screen while 120 finance professionals trade options, based on the final winning margin of the game, in a specially constructed open outcry pit. Organised by Société Générale, the French bank, the rugby options market is intended to demonstrate the flexible nature of options and those watching the game at home will be able to trade from the sofa by telephone. So too will 2,000 French enthusiasts, using their Minitel terminals. The winner in each trading category — pit, telephone and Minitel — will receive a one-week trip for two to Cairo, Dakkar or Lisbon. "At the start of trading there will, I think, be a very bullish view of England's chances," says organiser Laurent Bodard. "This is something we will try to take advantage of, since things may change later." Those wishing to trade by telephone should pre-register with the options trading desk at Société Générale's London office.



"My mum doesn't believe in Father Christmas — she works for Body Shop"

Tanker talk

AN INTERNAL BP memorandum, leaked to Greenpeace, was last night circulated to the press by the environmental group. The memo is certain to cause some embarrassment within Britannic House, since it tells BP's senior managers, "The message of course is — let's keep our heads down ... BP Shipping does not, repeat not, want BP to become involved in a debate about tanker safety etc, arising from the tanker disaster off the Shetlands." But condemnation by Greenpeace of this strategy, describing "the resounding silence" from the oil industry as "shameful" was dismissed as "sensationalist" by those in the City who monitor the oil sector. "If it were BP crude being carried in a BP tanker it might be different, but it was not, and BP's course of action is understandable," said one oil analyst. "The real issue here is one of shipping law and registration. Greenpeace seems to be missing the point."

CAROL LEONARD

Bank commission on cheques and the single market

From Mr Peter Spiegl

Sir, We have received recently two bank statements showing bank commission on cheques received from our overseas customers.

A cheque from Belgium in the amount of £105.16 sterling yielded £96.66, bank commission being £8.50, and another cheque from Belgium in the amount of £53.95 sterling yielded £40.02, commission deducted £13.93.

The bank's commission, of course, equates to about our profit.

The options open to us are limited — we could cease trading overseas or we could bump up our prices to cover, thus overcharging and treating customers unfairly.

In theory, the single market is the ultimate state of trading for European traders, but as you see it is being scuttled before it gets off the ground by the banks.

The bank's intractability apart, why cannot we exchange cheques with our European partners on the same terms as within the UK?

Trading on equal terms with Europe so far is out of the question.

Yours faithfully,
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Taurus need not bring an increase in charges

From Mr G. D. R. Oldham

Sir, It is indeed unfortunate that Barclays Bank should have chosen to introduce substantial charges for custody of shareholdings citing the introduction of Taurus as their reason. Not only does this tariff change precede the introduction of Taurus by what is likely to be over a year, but also there is no justification in our view for substantial increases in charges as a result of the new system.

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Yours faithfully,
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ACCOUNTANCY

Trade marks and patents need a place on the balance sheet

John Murphy says the goodwill debate could be solved by redefining the elements that make up company worth


ADRIAN BROOKS

Valued asset: John Murphy says trade marks are of far more value than the tangible assets on balance sheets

One of the most vexed issues for medieval theologians was the nature of the feathers from the wings of the archangel Gabriel. At times, the current accountancy debate on whether goodwill should be recognised on balance sheets has echoes of this medieval dispute.

The "goodwill issue" is not a narrow, sterile one of concern only to more technically minded accountants. Indeed, in recent years it has involved analysts, investors, business managers and marketing specialists and is, arguably, the single most complex issue currently facing accounting.

The reason is that there has been a fundamental change this century in how wealth is created and how the worth of businesses should be measured, but accounting practice has failed to recognise this fully. Recently, and particularly through the recognition of brands on the balance sheet, preparers of accounts who (in their view) have been particularly disadvantaged by the failure of accountants to resolve the goodwill issue have found a workable way of settling the problem, but in doing so they have confronted the regulatory authorities with an issue that can no longer be ignored.

The problem they face is whether to ban all recognition of goodwill on the balance sheet, whether to enshrine and legitimise current practice, or some version thereof, or whether to be even more radical, perhaps, as suggested last week by Professor Baxter, of the London School of Economics, by providing for regular revaluations of the business using discounted cash flow techniques. Those accountants who oppose any intangibles on the balance sheet argue that the balance sheet does not purport to be a statement of worth or value but, as its name implies, is merely a balancing device to ensure that all the cash flows of a business are properly captured. Accordingly, they see no role for intangibles. Others argue that terms such as balance sheet strength clearly imply that the balance sheet should provide users with a statement of the underlying worth and strength of a business. They argue, therefore, that the company's most valuable assets should be represented on the balance sheet be they tangible or intangible.

Professor Baxter believes, and I agree, that one of the main problems for the "goodwill debate" is the term goodwill itself. To most of us, goodwill implies some form of insubstantial flux or vapour and any reluctance to recognise anything so transcient as goodwill in such an important statement as a balance sheet is, in these circumstances, understandable. However, the generalised term goodwill embraces all kinds of intangibles that vary markedly in their nature, "crispness", and tangibility. At one end of the scale, there are assets such as brands (ie active trade marks), patents, copyrights and designs and at the other end are altogether more amorphous assets such as management teams and relationships with customers and suppliers. In certain instances, the term goodwill may even cover no underlying assets at all but merely, perhaps, an overpayment.

Trade marks, patents, copyrights and designs are known collectively as intellectual property or, sometimes, industrial property. Such property is distinguished by the fact that its owners have specific title to it that in the main is registered with government bodies such as trade mark and patent offices. Intellectual property rights can be bought, sold, leased and mortgaged and, in virtually every respect other than tangibility, may be indistinguishable from property rights in freeholds, leaseholds or plant and machinery. You can ask any intellectual property lawyer about this and they will assure you that in terms of title, intellectual property is as substantial as tangible property.

An elegant and appropriate solution to the goodwill debate would be to redefine the key building blocks that constitute a company's worth not under two headings, tangible assets and goodwill, but under three — tangible assets, specific intangible assets or goodwill.

Tangible assets would, as at present, comprise property, plant, investments, cash and so forth; specific intangible assets would cover intellectual property to which the company had clear, and usually registered title; and goodwill would cover the rest. Tangible assets and specific intangible assets would be capable of recognition on the balance sheet, subject to the normal safeguards, but goodwill would not.

As specific intangible assets would cover economic assets whose cash flows, and their reliability, can be reliably determined, they would fit comfortably on the balance sheet. Thus trade marks such as Coca-Cola and Tab, patents such as those owned by Wellcome in the anti-viral area and copyrights such as Thorn-EMI's music scores or the latest winner of the Booker prize would all be capable of recognition on balance sheets. And so they should be — they are all assets of far more value to their owners than the tangible assets used in their production which appear readily on the balance sheet.

The author is chairman of Interbrand Group plc, the branding and brand valuation consultancy

Reaching the parts others fail to read

AT A time when annual reports are growing heftier and heftier with facts, figures and the inevitable corporate flummery it is worth giving a thought to whether all this stuff is getting through to relevant readers. A recent report says the people who you might have thought really need all the information tend not to read it and the people who do bother find it desperately difficult to understand.

There has been surprisingly little comprehensible research on how and if annual reports are useful to their readers. Probably the best efforts were two books produced in the late 1970s by David Tweedie, these days chairman of the Accounting Standards Board, and Tom Lee, then of the University of Edinburgh. These researched the degree of understanding of reports and accounts shown firstly by private shareholders and secondly institutional shareholders. In those more idealistic days, some surprise was shown when they revealed that both institutional and private shareholders, if they were being honest, had to admit they did not really understand much. And worse, appeared clueless when faced with specific questions on the meaning of various bits of relatively straightforward accounting terminology. Now a new report, admittedly only covering private shareholders, investment analysts and institutional shareholders of one big company, has provided fresh thoughts. It has been produced by a team led by Professor Roger Hussey of Bristol Business School at the University of the West of England, Bristol. The company in question was Wellcome, the pharmaceutical group. Hussey's team interviewed samples of all three user groups and the results show why problems of comprehension still arise.


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For one thing, the report confirms just how far different groups of investors get different quality of information. "Institutional investors, and to a lesser extent, analysts, regard personal contacts with the company through presentations, visits and interviews as important sources of information for investment decision-making", says the report. "As private shareholders do not have the same opportunities, they rely heavily on the press and annual reports for investment decisions.

And this is how the paradox arises that private shareholders, who rely more heavily on reports, often fail to understand them, and investment analysts and institutional investors, at whom much of the information is aimed, do not bother to read them.

Investment analysts, the report says, ranked the annual report fifth out of 14 sources of information about the company. "It is mainly regarded as a reference document, only to be looked at during the course of the year if certain information is required." Later in the report, Hussey's team makes the further point about investment analysts that "indeed it is doubtful whether many of them read it thoroughly". Partly this is to do with the analysts' belief that only information that they can speedily digest and transmit to a trading floor is useful. This is why the annual document with the flimsiest and fewest figures, the preliminary statement, comes top as most important source of information.

This also accounts for remarkable ambiguities when the analysts were asked about the value of the "notes to the accounts" section of the annual report. This is, after all, the place where the real heart of the financial figures can be analysed. Being kind to the analysts, the report says that "the notes give fuller information which allows them to confirm or discount data from other sources or helps to give a more complete picture". But having said that, the report coughs a discreet ahem and continues "we would add that only one of the analysts appeared to conduct what might be termed a fundamental analysis with the calculation of ratios for the group and principal subsidiaries". Where the Hussey report comes up with even greater value is in the discussion of the private shareholders' needs. As you might expect, they found the three parts of the annual report read "most thoroughly" by private shareholders are the chairman's statement, the financial highlights and the profit and loss account. But they found a considerable variance between the parts which were thought important and the parts which were actually read. The point where the two coincided was the profit and loss account. The report recommends that if companies want to maximise understanding they should concentrate their efforts on that statement. But even here there are problems. "However", said the report, "the results of this survey and evidence from other studies lead us to conclude shareholders are over-optimistic about their ability to understand financial statements. Therefore, any commentary or analysis relating to these should be as simple as possible."

Given that the ASB has started a revolution in the profit and loss account, perhaps it should provide an idiot's guide, a page long, which companies could place at the relevant point in their accounts. It is obvious from the Hussey report everyone from analysts to private shareholders would say they did not need the guide. But they would all read it.

The author is the Associate Editor of Accountancy Age

Spelling out legal liability as fraud goes on to the agenda

Alexander Davidson looks at proposals to widen auditors' responsibilities

SOLICITORS specialising in professional negligence believe auditors are too easily sued, and proposals to increase their responsibility must be accompanied by clear definitions of legal liability if they are to stay in business.

The Future Development of Auditing, a discussion paper published in November by the Auditing Practices Board, recommended that auditors' responsibilities in the UK be broadened to include reporting on a company's future viability and detecting fraud.

Meanwhile in America, the six largest accounting firms, in *The Liability Crisis in the United States: Impact on the Accounting Profession*, showed that auditors usually preferred out-of-court settlements to more expensive litigation. The American and British proposals both recommended that auditors' joint and several liability be replaced with proportionate liability.

Rod Campbell, partner of Kennedys, a London solicitor, suggests that auditors would be less of a target if there was a greater take-up of directors' and officers' insurance.

A UK company is less likely to bring an action against an auditor than its American counterpart because it may end up paying costs, says David Natali, partner at Herbert Smith, says. "Also, class actions, which can lead to enormous claims in the US, are not permitted in the same form in the UK."

However, Andrew Pincott, senior partner of Elborne Mitchell, observes that London underwriters often insure American accounting firms. "If they make losses on US business, they expect to push up the rates on UK business as well."

David Arthur, partner of Barlow Lyde Gilbert, suggests that overall, America, in its litigation habits against auditors, is five or ten years ahead of the UK. He adds that comparisons are difficult due to differences in legislation between American states, and the inconsistent verdicts of American juries.

Auditors generally have an unjustified bad reputation because they are wrongly viewed as "policemen and detectives", Mr Natali says. "Nevertheless, if a client company has suffered a great loss from, for instance, employee fraud, I would, on the basis of the present law and practice, advise it to sue the crooks and auditors jointly.

"If the company goes to court and gets a judgment for, £10 million, he can go to the auditors who are insured and they will pay. The real crooks are likely to have disappeared or hidden their assets. They are effectively men of straw."

However, Mr Arthur comments that the UK precedent of the Caparo decision, which established that auditors do not owe third parties a duty of care, has been subsequently weakend by various appeal court decisions.

The fifth EC company law directive, not yet in force in the UK, could extend the range of people to whom a duty of care is owed, Mr Arthur adds. "Auditors' potential liability is getting out of all proportion to the potential commercial gain. If it is not limited, people soon won't want to be in the profession."

If the reforms proposed on either side of the Atlantic are implemented to any extent, Mr Natali believes that, contrary to plan, auditors' liability may increase. "If so, their insurance premiums will shoot up, leading in turn to a fee increase."

John Parker, partner of Davies Arnold Cooper, argues that, with the likelihood of audits becoming more expensive and more time-consuming, a demand will arise for lower-cost auditing. "There comes a point when you're doing an audit so cheaply that quality is affected," he adds.

To help resolve the problem, Mr Parker recommends standardisation of accounting conventions. Mr Campbell adds that the extent of an auditor's duty to detect fraud in particular must be made clear. "If the auditor's responsibilities are expanded, it is probably not possible to have total clarity," he argues. Mr Parker adds: "Accountants can pick up the obvious things only. The perpetrator of fraud is clever enough not to make it obvious."

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Heard any good excuses lately

ACCOUNTANTS are, it seems, worse than children when it comes to making up excuses for work left undone. Accountemps, the financial recruitment consultant, asked more than 200 managers across the UK to recall the best excuse they had heard for not getting work done. These ranged from "my dog ate the work" to "I had to look after the cat who was about to have kittens" to "my wife has just tried to commit suicide". One employee's grandmother "died" four times in a matter of months. Another claimed he missed a deadline because "his wellies were leaking when he was walking through four feet of water". Yet another claimed he was unable to get to the office because "his wife had not washed his socks". Some just come clean, proclaiming: "It was too hard to do" and "I'm just lazy and complacent and couldn't be bothered to do it".

Tracking waste

TALK about a rotten assignment. KPMG has been appointed to advise Hungary on the implementation of a modern hazardous waste management information system. Hungary has accumulated large quantities of hazardous waste and needs a way of tracking it down. The clean-up of inherited waste problems is expected to take several years — something that should not dismay KPMG which prides itself on its work in environmental management.



Holiday spots

ACCOUNTANTS are not very adventurous when it comes to travelling abroad. More than a third of respondents to a survey by *Accountancy* magazine — 41 per cent — chose their last holiday as they had been to the place before and enjoyed it. European holidays and package holidays were the most popular choice, but only 15 per cent went in for skiing trips. On the spending front, 44 per cent managed to blow between £500 to £1,000 on their last holiday. While 58 per cent of accountants are entitled to 25 to 29 days' holiday, most felt they deserved more. Despite this, 43 per cent do not manage to use up all their holiday entitlement. Just to prove that you can never escape work entirely, 44 per cent leave contact numbers with their offices and clients while they are away. Nearly a third feel that their work is not taken care of properly during their absence.

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13	Rea Bros	Banks,Disc	
14	Sterling Pub	Newspapr,Pub	
15	Compass Gp	Leisure	
16	Vickers	Industrial	
17	Trent	Foods	
18	News Corp	Newspapr,Pub	
19	South West	Water	
20	Bank Scotland	Banks,Disc	
21	Tomkinsons	Textiles	
22	Serco Gp	Business Serv	
23	Airtours	Leisure	
24	Anglian Water	Water	
25	Derwent Hldgs	Property	
26	BAT	Tobaccos	
27	Celestion	Textiles	
28	Heywd Wlm	Building,Rds	
29	Scantronic	Electrical	
30	Sthrn Water	Water	
31	Morrison (W)	Foods	
32	Wyevale	Drapery,Strs	
33	Lowndes Lmb	Insurance	
34	Assoc Br Ports	Transport	
35	Thames TV	Leisure	
36	Unilever	Industrial	
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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
399	245½	Abbey Ntl	362	-1	10.5	3.9	12.5
191	154	Allied Irish	181	-2	...	6.6	10.4
197½	106	Aus New Z	132	+1	...	6.8	...
3106½	1906½	Bankamerica	2950 †	+43½	...	...	...
200	141	Bk of Ireland	190	-1	...	6.6	28.8
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	16.0	7.5	...
130	97	Bank Scotland	119	+2	4.3	4.9	18.7
410	274	Barclays	367	-5	21.1	7.7	...
6	1½	Benchmark	2	...	...	...	...
206	28	Brown Shipley	41	...	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	17	...	...	...	...
428	295	Cater Allen	413	-6	26.0	8.4	...
95	61	Cattles	86	...	3.8	5.9	12.6
1950	912½	Chase Manh	1787½	-25	...	...	...
1475	537½	Citicorp	1393½	+12½	...	...	...
280	205	Close Bros	280	+4	9.5	4.5	12.5
£104	7700	Commerzbk	9512½	-150	...	4.2	...
£281	£214	Deutsche Bk	£251	-175	...	2.4	...
84	13	First Nat Fin	51	...	...	...	...
1104	493	Fuji Bank Y	876	-57	...	0.5	...
380	230	Gerrard Nat	363	-6	21.0	7.7	...
570	236	HSBC	521½	-1½	...	3.8	21.4
577	313	HSBC HK	535	-2	...	3.9	20.7
292	202	Hambros	255	+5	13.8	7.2	11.3
353	308	Joseph (L)	353	...	15.8	6.0	...
109	54	King Shaxson	109	+1	5.0	6.1	...
330	212	Kleinwort Ben	317	-1	16.0	6.7	27.7
549	346	Lloyds	506	...	16.7	4.4	17.2
64	40	Lon Scot Bk	63	-½	2.7	5.8	14.0
351	258	Nat Aust Bk	323	+1	...	6.3	...
425	251	Nat West	398	-7	17.5	5.9	55.0
700	418	Provident	677	-2	25.0	4.9	15.5
44	25	Rea Bros	44	+2	0.5	1.5	...
216	137	Ryl Bk Scot	212	+1	8.8	5.5	...
1433	1043	Schroders	1433	+3	18.0	1.7	16.7
606	364	Stand Chart	586	...	20.0	4.6	15.1
161½	115	TSB	146½	-2½	6.4	5.8	...
200	38	Union Disc	85	...	13.5	...	...
606	403	Warburg SG	552	+13	18.0	4.3	16.3
204	137	-do- 6% 'A'	191	+4	...	4.2	...
5112½	3087½	Wells Fargo	5112½	+112½	...	2.0	...
183	99	Westpac	133	-2	...	6.1	-
253	188	Wintrust	190	...	9.3	6.5	7.3

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	974	+7	33.6	4.3	15.7
659	480	Rothmans 'B'	615	-2	10.2	2.2	14.8

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
502	308½	Anglian Water	480 †	+1	18.3	5.4	8.7
391	336	Northumbrian	385	-2	20.5	4.7	4.0
513	323	North West	475	...	19.8	5.5	8.3
479	308	Severn Trent	458	+3	19.3	5.6	4.7
485	301	Sthrn Water	468 †	+2	19.5	5.6	8.3
1300	690	Sth Staffs	1240	+15	40.2	4.3	8.0
534	308	South West	492	+4	21.7	5.9	7.4
518	324	Thames Water	491	+2	19.3	5.2	8.8
546	337	Welsh Water	527	+3	21.4	5.4	6.1
603	366	Wessex Water	603 †	+4	19.5	4.3	8.3
547	336	Yorkshire W	527	-1	19.5	4.9	8.6

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagica●	12	...	...	...	...
99	42	Headlam	93	...	2.4	3.4	37.4
428	285	Lambert	395	+15	12.5	4.2	10.3
111	63	Pittard Garnar	85	+1	1.5	2.4	11.3
41	18	Strong & Fisher	34	...	1.0	5.6	9.7
193	86	Stylo	113	...	2.5	2.9	...

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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
340	235	API	298	...	...	...	...
270	127½	Arjo Wiggins	193	-1	8.1	...	...
433	308	Abbott Mead	425	+5	8.4	...	...
3	½	Adia Group	...	...	...	...	...
128	75	Aegis Gp	...	...	...	...	...
180	103	Aspen Comms●	180	...	...	...	...
11	7	BBB Design●	...	...	...	...	...
314	188	Bemrose	...	...	...	...	...
60	21	Brindale	...	...	...	...	...
126	80	Bunzl	122	...	...	...	...
307	147	CFA Gp	285	...	...	...	...
53	36	Cln of Lehn	...	...	...	...	...
2	1	Clarke Hooper●	...	...	...	...	...
236	178	Cropper (James)	...	...	...	...	...
41	8	Crown Comm●	...	...	...	...	...
69	30	Delyn Pckaging	...	...	...	...	...
50	28	Dewhurst Pack	...	...	...	...	...
70	42	Dudley Jenkins●	...	...	...	...	...
15	7½	Ensdell●	...	...	...	...	...
68	18	Fairway Group●	48	...	...	...	...
48	21	Ferguson Intl	...	...	...	...	...
46	15	Flextech●	25	...	...	...	...
5	1	Firth	...	...	...	...	...
80	47	Gibbon Lyons●	...	...	...	...	...
243	104	Gold Greenlees	...	...	...	...	...
93	37	Goodhead	...	...	...	...	...
160	52½	Huntleigh	...	...	...	...	...
50	17	Lopex	...	...	...	...	...
261	133	More O'Ferrall	...	...	...	...	...
70	27	NMC Group	...	...	...	...	...
126	70	Ollier Hldgs	...	...	...	...	...
177	98	Osborne & Little	...	...	...	...	...
180	132	Quarto	...	...	...	...	...
343	251	St Ives Gp	...	...	...	...	...
246	115	Saatchi	...	...	...	...	...
704	418	Sappi	...	...	...	...	...
16½	1½	Scrib●	...	...	...	...	...
43	3	Shandwick	...	...	...	...	...
351	233	Smith David	...	...	...	...	...
335	210	Smurfit (Jeff)	...	...	...	...	...
263	171	Star-Plus	...	...	...	...	...
16½	10½	Taylor Nelson	...	...	...	...	...
65	37	VTR●	...	...	...	...	...
115	31	WPP	...	...	...	...	...
165	48	Wace	...	...	...	...	...
321	198	Waddington (J)	312	...	...	...	...
560	391	Wattmough	...	...	...	...	...
4	½	Waverley Cam	...	...	...	...	...
5	1½	Westport●	...	...	...	...	...
30	12	Whitney Mcke	...	...	...	...	...
75	51	Wood (SW)	...	...	...	...	...

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	2	Airbreak Leis	7½	...	...	...	0.7
337	172	Airtours	287 †	+8	7.2	3.4	...
90	18	Ald Leis	54	-3	4.7	11.7	11.8
243	145	Anglia TV	213	...	...	3.0	19.2
217	135	Barr & W 'A'	194	-3	10.0	6.9	9.7
1090	795	Boosey Hwks	1000	...	20.0	2.7	16.0
113	70	Border TV●	100	-1	...	3.6	12.9
448	302	Campari	279	...	...	...	...
226	126	Capital Radio	183	-1	5.2	3.8	21.3
805	468	Carlton Comm	789	-13	...	2.9	22.8
223	120	Castle Comms	165	-5	...	6.9	18.0
1703	1050	Central TV	1703	+10	30.5	2.4	21.9
548	405	Compass Gp	548	+4	12.3	3.0	15.4
390	223	Eurocamp	345	-1	...	3.3	18.9
1693	673	Euro Disney	738	+3	...	1.7	...
448	110	Fairline Boats	280	+7	10.5	5.1	...
355	239	First Leisure	327	+7	6.1	2.5	-
328	230	GWR Gps●	310	...	...	3.1	...
170	91	Grampian	153	...	5.5	4.8	10.8
297	220	LWT CP	289	...	5.9	2.7	14.1
387	280	Man Utd	387	+18	13.0	4.5	12.6
123	44½	Owners Abrd	115	...	3.5	4.1	-
319	274	Radio Clyde●	314	...	...	...	...
177	125	Ransomes (R)	144	...	...	4.2	21.2
446	202½	Scot TV	445	...	...	2.4	23.7
191	125	Stanley Leisure	175	-1	...	3.2	14.4
195	135	Sunset & Vine	140	...	3.5	3.3	15.1
383	136	Tanjong	383	...	...	...	...
200	134	Thames TV	166	+7	7.5	6.0	4.7
118	75	Tottenham Hot	86	...	...	...	4.2
277	154	Ulster TV	277	...	7.5	3.6	19.2
191½	110	Yorkshire TV	119	...	12.0	13.4	4.2
136	80	Zetters Gp	85	+1	3.0	12.5	8.5

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
533	343	ADT	473	-2	...	...	-
248	193	Adams & Harvey	198	...	11.0	7.4	3.1
127	53	Air London●	64	-3	...	1.3	7.9
63	34	African Lakes	37	...	2.0	7.2	7.4
152	81	Amto Sec	126	...	4.9	5.2	10.2
308	80	BET Ord	94	-5	...	9.2	13.8
100	41	BNB Res	55	...	4.9	11.9	6.5
286	208	BPP	280	+6	6.9	3.2	16.2
284	178	Barbour Index	284	+1	7.2	3.4	20.9
30½	13	Bosstead	17	...	0.7	5.5	34.8
192	111	Brit Data Mgt	190	+2	...	2.8	15.8
14	9	Broadcastle●	12	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	58	...	4.0	...	18.5
142	72	CRT Gp	102	...	2.4	3.1	11.7
434	262	Capita Group	432	...	5.4	1.7	24.8
36	19	Catkel Plc	34½	...	0.5	1.9	13.0
270	25½	Cilldern Capital	46	-2	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	26	...	...	...	...
245	180	Chubb Sec	243	+2	...	1.5	26.8
43	18	Cottage●	28	...	...	...	...
31	5½	Corp Services	9½	-½	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	52	...	3.3	8.5	5.9
216	145	Davis Service	212	...	7.9	5.0	16.1
115	85	EW Facs●	85	...	...	6.8	6.3
57	8	Gardiner	17½	-1	1.3	12.8	4.2
48	21	Gardner (DC)	31	-2	...	...	...
239	163	Hays	228	-1	4.6	2.7	22.5
231	167½	Hogg Robinsn	211	...	8.3	4.0	15.8
143½	43	Holmes Protectn	65	...	...	...	...
147	98	Hutch Whamp	138	+4	...	...	14.8
£101	6837½	ISS B DKr	9650	...	...	1.1	13.6
576	375	Inchcape	564	+1	12.5	3.0	24.0
699	561	Johnson Clean	699	+5	25.7	4.9	14.5
18½	2½	Lep	4½	+½	...	...	...
210	168	Mitie Gp	187	+2	2.7	2.0	15.3
992	682	Manpower	893	-33	...	...	...
44	32½	Michael Page	41	...	1.8	5.9	11.4
225	88	Pennna●	222	...	...	1.2	56.2
5½	4	Prime People●	4½	...	...	...	...
398	68	Proudfoot Alex	89	-2	19.5	29.2	1.9
453	355	RCO	400	+3	12.6	4.2	14.0
183	117	REA	117	...	4.0	4.6	...
81	48	Reed Executive	67	...	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Sec●	141 †	...	...	4.3	14.2
13	4	Rentaminster●	4 #	...	...	...	...
274	134	Rentokil	211	-1	1.6	1.1	31.0
240	180	Rolfe & Nolan	240	...	6.2	3.4	16.1
354	234	Salvesen (C)	350	...	7.0	2.7	19.4
43	25	Scott Pickford●	29	...	...	3.7	8.0
190	98	Securiguard	185	-3	8.5	6.1	10.1
12	1½	Select Appo●	5	...	...	...	...
722	555	Serco Gp	722	+2	11.9	2.2	23.2
283	132	Sherwd Cmp●	252	...	...	3.2	6.8
157	82½	Skanchiey	115	-5	3.0	3.5	14.0
360	270	Warner Howrd	350	+1	5.9	2.2	19.8
81	41½	Weipac	45	...	0.6	1.8	...
15½	7½	Wills Gp	15½	...	0.1	0.8	20.2

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	432	+3	17.1	5.3	8.2
433	266	Eastern Elect	432	+4	16.7	5.2	10.6
263	143	Hydro-Elect	245	+1	10.1	4.3	11.1
465	280	London Elect	442	+6	16.8	5.1	8.5
513	324	Manweb	506	+13	18.2	4.8	7.3
482	287	Midlands Elec	477	+1	17.2	4.9	9.9
490	295	Northern Elec	487	+4	18.5	5.1	7.1
491	298	Norweb	489	+12	17.7	4.9	9.1
247	142	Scottish Power	229	-2	10.1	4.6	11.0
474	297	Seaboard	472 †	+8	17.2	4.9	8.5
539	313	Sth Wales	529 †	+7	19.4	4.9	8.4
474	293	Sth Western	465	+5	17.4	5.1	8.3
450	270	Southern Elec	450 †	+4	16.6	4.9	8.9
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	495 †	+3	17.7	4.8	9.2
290½	188	National Powr	289	+8	9.1	4.2	9.4
295	196	PowerGen	289	+8½	9.2	4.3	8.9

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TRAVEL

Ports at risk from the liner legions

Cruise lines seem to be recession-proof, **Peter Victor** reports. But their increasing popularity is bringing environmental problems in their wake

With more than 4.5 million people expected to holiday on cruise liners this year, environmentalists are increasingly worried about damage caused by the liners and their passengers.

Ports visited by the ships can expect more waste, litter and disruption as the number of holidaymakers disembarking reaches record levels. Cruise lines are also expanding the number of ports they visit, bringing welcome revenue — but unwelcome waste to new locations.

Despite their comparatively high cost, passenger cruises seem to be recession-proof. At a time when airlines have been losing money, small tour operators have been going out of business and hotels have been shutting up shop, cruise lines, even in Britain, are buoyant.

Since 1990, bookings have risen by 10 per cent a year and about 90 per cent of cruise cabins are occupied. In the present cruise season, up to 20 new ships will ply the sea lanes, and discounts of up to 60 per cent are being offered.

Figures produced by the Passenger Shipping Association (PSA), which represents the biggest lines in the United Kingdom, show that in 1991, 193,000 cruise passengers left Britain. The PSA says that the Gulf war and the recession held down the increase in numbers. Cruises in the Mediterranean recorded the lowest numbers since 1983, a drop of 65 per cent on 1990. The Caribbean and Bermuda sector grew by 21 per cent during the same period.

Figures are not available for last year, but the companies expect to make up the losses. P & O Shipping, for example, is confident enough to have ordered a £200 million liner for delivery in 1995.

In the North American market, capacity on cruise liners based there has increased by 35 per cent in the past five years. Last year, 10,000 passenger beds were added. Six more ships with another 5,000 beds are to be introduced this year. Despite this burgeoning success, the cruise line companies think there is a vast market yet to be tapped. About 95 per cent of Americans, for example, have never sailed.

> Marine engines account for 8 per cent of the world's nitrous oxide emissions

Eighty per cent of passengers embark in the United States, which has long dominated the world market. But as France and Britain increase business by 10 per cent a year, Europe is catching up.

Costa France, that country's leading cruise line and a subsidiary of Costa Crociere, expected a 9 per cent rise in bookings for last year over its 180,000 passengers moved in 1991. This yielded about Ffr1.7 billion (£175.25 million).

The German market has remained relatively stable at between 150,000 and 180,000 passengers a year, but one possibility is that American companies will seek to exploit potential markets there and in other parts of Europe.

The increasing success of the cruise trade has brought problems. About 2,000 people arriving *en masse* at a small port town in the Caribbean or Mediterranean, then leaving soon afterwards leads to congestion, litter, distortion of local prices and problems with policing.

Cruise ships are also being blamed for air and sea pollution. The Baltic Sea, being relatively shallow and almost enclosed, is particularly vulnerable. Cruise ferries operating between Sweden and Finland have increased in number and at least one vessel carries up to 2,800 people. Viking Line's Cinderella produces about 120 cubic metres of sewage a day.

Scientists are concerned about the effect of the ships on environmentally sensitive areas, such as Antarctica, where research projects may be disrupted. In the tropics, the Caribbean Tourism Organisation has brought in fresh rules to limit the amount of waste that ships produce and then, the organisation claims, dump at sea.

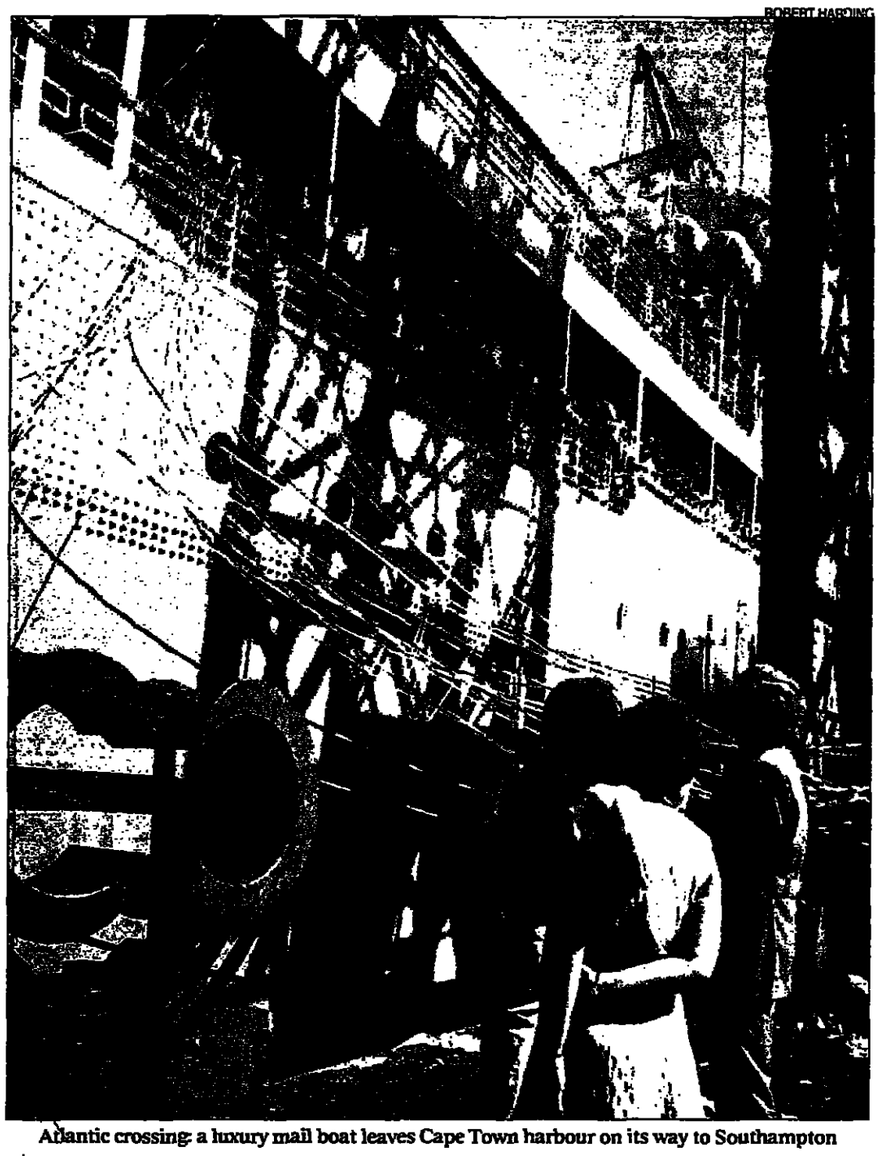
After a fire in a Caribbean waste dump burnt for six weeks last year, St John, in the Virgin Islands, has refused to accept plastic waste. Other islands are considering bans on liners that do not have their own waste disposal systems.

Martin Brackenbury, the chairman of the International Federation of Tour Operators (Ifto), says the problems stem from irresponsible operators. "Some unscrupulous lines dump these materials at night," he explains. "The other problem is tanks for storing liquid sewage; some ships have them and some don't. Even if they do, not all ports are equipped to pump out these tanks."

The most stringent regulations apply in America. Pressure from United Nations, the European Community and the Ifto has resulted in beaches that are very much better. "Similar regulations in the Mediterranean would be helpful," Mr Brackenbury says.

Pollution from marine engines is also becoming an increasingly important environmental issue. The International Maritime Organisation has already moved to have controls introduced.

Marine engines account for 8 per cent of the world's nitrous oxide emissions. This figure is higher in some of the more environmentally conscious countries. In Norway, marine engines contribute 38 per cent of the total, in California 34 per cent, and in The Sound, between Sweden and Denmark, 18 per cent.



ROBERT HARDING

Atlantic crossing: a luxury mail boat leaves Cape Town harbour on its way to Southampton

Lying back and thinking of work



The second in a series on class distinction in the air

PASSENGERS who have spent more than three or four hours in the economy section of an aircraft and looked enviously at those sitting in the luxury of business class will have vowed to join them next time *(Harvey Elliott writes)*. But when those same passengers fly away on holiday, they may have no choice but to sit in the classless cabin of a charter airline.

Long-haul charter flights may be cheaper than scheduled and the service has clearly improved out of all recognition compared with the dismal standards of only five years ago. However, the single-class seats remain almost unbearably close together and those alongside emergency exits on many of the new generation of twin-engine, long-range jets do not even recline.

The charter airlines say that it does not make commercial sense to offer a business class service on leisure flights and that passengers are less status conscious when flying on holiday.

For the moment, however, only scheduled carriers offer those extras that can make the difference between arriving on the other side of the world in a fit state to face anything, or needing more than 12 hours in bed to recover from the ordeal.

For genuine business passengers, those extras are a vital element in being able to rush from the flight straight into a business meeting. For them the width, pitch and recline of the seat matters, as does the amount of luggage they can take with them and the availability of a courtesy car.

With the help of Reed Travel, we have compiled a chart of the sort of facilities you can expect on scheduled long-haul airlines in business class.

EC air traffic plans are flying into opposition

Battle lines drawn

The government is preparing to fight the European Commission over proposals to transfer responsibility for negotiating air traffic rights from individual countries to a central authority in Brussels.

The first shots in the battle were fired last week when Karel van Miert, the retiring transport commissioner, told a conference of politicians and airline officials that the EC "could not allow external relations to remain with national authorities". If farm subsidies could be decided internationally, he said, it was "impossible and inconceivable" that aviation could be exempted.

The plans being put together by officials have alarmed airlines and some transport departments, who fear that instead of depending on their own experienced national negotiators, they would be at the mercy of "amateurs" with little detailed knowledge of how the complex web of international air services works.

Britain, particularly, fears that the carefully worked out long-term strategy to obtain greater access to America's internal market could be wrecked if responsibility was transferred to Brussels. It believes, for example, that if a single negotiating body allowed ten new flights a week from Athens to Cincinnati, the Americans would immediately agree, so long as, in return, they gained additional flights to Frankfurt and London.

Britain provided 19.8 per cent of the 217 million passengers who flew within Europe last year and Germany 16.6 per cent. Greece provided only 4.7 per cent and Portugal 2.3 per cent, according to a survey by Datamonitor.

This should benefit the consumer by establishing more direct routes and increasing the competition. But many of Europe's leading airports are full and the only way new foreign carriers can be squeezed in is if the existing national airlines are told to give up their slots.

Sir Colin Marshall, the chief executive of British Airways, is adamant. "No policy has been presented to explain how benefits negotiated by a single body will be satisfactorily distributed between members states and their many airlines," he says.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, agrees. "Member states have well-developed patterns of bilateral agreements with third countries outside the Community and we must make sure that these are not thrown into confusion," he says.

Frederik Sorensen, the EC's air transport commissioner, has other ideas. "Member state negotiators may lose sight of the broader perspectives of Community interest," he said in the latest issue of *Aerospace*. "Agreements may be concluded which sometimes meet only the short-term interests of an individual member state."

Both sides appear to have a certain logic. If Europe is to act together, then aviation should be a part of that single approach. Already, a wide range of unifying measures — ranging from the length of time that a flight crew may operate to a common standard of airworthiness — are being produced.

This debate could have a profound effect on air travel. The voice of the ordinary passenger needs to be heard.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Out in the midday sun

Riots in India do not deter cricket fans

Supporters of cricket are a very determined crowd, not to be put off by reports of violence and tension in the towns of northern India, where their heroes are about to take on the sub-Continent's notorious spinners *(Harvey Elliott writes)*.

Several hundred are due to fly out over the next three weeks with tour operators such as Kuoni and John Snow Travel which report few, if any cancellations.

The Foreign Office, however, continues to report that the situation in many parts is "tense". Bombay, especially, is still "unpredictable and volatile". The entire Kashmir Valley is "highly dangerous" according to the FO and in Punjab there are "violent daily incidents and indiscriminate attacks". Travel to Assam should be restricted to "escorted groups and essential visits".

Tourists with no interest in the battles on the field or in the town centres are, however, refusing to be cowed. Cox & Kings, the biggest specialist tour operator to India, is fully booked for its £1,699 17-day tour of the forts and palaces around Delhi and Rajistan, which leaves today.

Tours, which include Bombay and its immediate surroundings, are being rerouted, although the strike by Indian Airlines — which could be over at any moment — has caused far more problems than the upsurge in sectarian violence.

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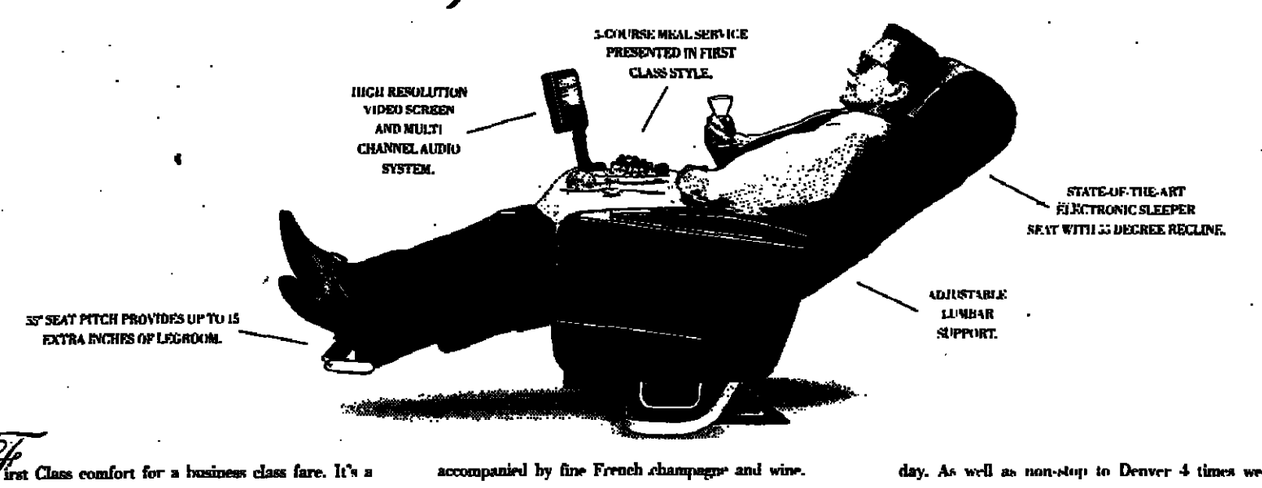
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Plane-sailing: polar trippers with Arctic Experience can enjoy a spin on the ice, confident in the knowledge that an aircraft is on hand, waiting to whisk them away to the safety of a basecamp

Scott on the rocks with ice

No corner of the earth, however remote, remains sacred or safe from the bootprint of the package tourist. This spring you may, if you book early and part with almost £7,500, join a relatively effortless expedition to the North Pole.

Robert Peary, generally credited with being the first man to set foot on the top of the world, left northern Greenland in August 1908, wintered on Ellesmere Island in the extreme north of Canada, and reached his objective on April 6, 1909 with the aid of dog sledge and six Eskimo guides, two of whom died on the return journey.

Likewise, the British explorer Robert Falcon Scott, who reached the South Pole on January 18, 1912, shortly after the Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, died with his team on the return journey.

Today, Arctic Experience, the Surrey-based travel firm which specialises in journeys to extreme latitudes, offers to take punters from London to the North Pole on April 1, and have them back by April 11.

The route is by Montreal, Resolute Bay in Canada's North West Territories, and Ellesmere Island, from where a seven-seater Twin Otter flies to a landing on the polar ice, a reassuring 9ft thick. The party then sets off on a 14-hour round trek to the pole itself, weather conditions permitting.

There is nothing to see there but ice, yet the polar regions have a breathtaking primeval majesty and a purity of air that the industrialised world has long forgotten. Here is a place, on this filthy planet, that still speaks of the world on the third day of creation, when the Almighty had divided the light from the darkness and the land from the waters, but had not yet got round to creating the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, or man.

Is it right to sully such virginity? Clive Stacey, the director of Arctic Experience, defends his enterprise. "We send only one party a year, a total of seven people," he says. "In all, I estimate that not more than 200 people a year set foot there. And we are very careful not to leave anything behind."

When Mr Stacey offered the trip last year, he squeezed nine people aboard the plane. "We were oversubscribed, although not heavily so. We took three Scots, one Singaporean, one Canadian and four English people. Several were in their fifties and one man took his 11-year-old son. It is the sort of trip that appeals to 'country collectors', people who have been everywhere, done everything." Mr Stacey insists that the sort of people interested in such a venture are highly environmentally-conscious and not the sort to despoil the pristine ice-cap as have those who have taken the Everest trail.

According to the travel brochure, participants must be reasonably healthy, although no special skills are required. Arctic clothing and an experienced guide are provided. What on earth would Peary, Amundsen, Scott, Fridtjof Nansen and the rest of the courageous polar pioneers think to see their privations turned to such ease?

● *Details from: Arctic Experience, 29 Nork Way, Banstead, Surrey SM7 1PB. Tel: 0737 362321.*

Not sex, please, I'm busy

British men prefer bed and bookwork

The British businessman abroad is an unadventurous workaholic, preferring to stay in his hotel room rather than join Italians on the town or the Germans in the gym, according to a new survey, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

Far from taking advantage of their company by wining and dining on expense accounts, 80 per cent of British businessmen stay in their rooms doing paperwork and preparing for the next day's business — or so they told researchers compiling a comprehensive report for Official Airline Guides.

Ian Dockreay, the managing director of OAG, says: "The results dispel the myth that British business travellers live the high life when they are overseas — it looks like few British wives have much to worry about."

They might, however,



just be concerned about the health of their spouse while away from home on business. Only 39 per cent of British businessmen use the gym compared with 56 per cent of Germans, says the survey conducted among business travellers throughout Europe.

A little more than half the Germans consider that regular business travel adversely affects their home life while 87 per cent of travellers from the Nordic nations find their domestic life disrupted.

In general, however, it appears that women can cope with the stress of foreign travel more easily than men and 64 per cent say their personal life is disrupted compared with 73 per cent of men. Only 14 per cent of British women, however, believed that hotel rooms are geared to their needs.

So devoted are the Germans to fitness that only 39 per cent believe that their health or fitness is affected by unscheduled travel while 83 per cent of the Swiss suffer as a result of foreign travel.

The survey results came from questionnaires sent to 4,500 senior business travellers — chief executives, presidents, chairman, managing directors and directors. Nearly half of them made more than ten trips abroad and 21 per cent made more than 20 return trips a year. Their estimated total spending on business travel was more than £1 billion.

Angler's paradise will hook the punters

Beyond the Giant's Causeway, fish gather around wartime wrecks

Attempts by Northern Ireland to woo tourists to some of the most spectacular scenery in Britain could receive a boost this weekend, *Gary Lee writes.*

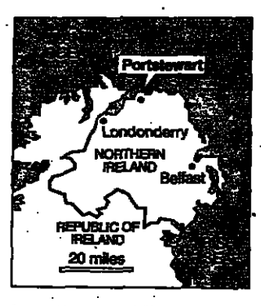
Almost 50 miles along the coast from the troubled streets of Belfast, and beyond the Giant's Causeway — the geological formation known to enthusiasts as "the eighth wonder of the world" — the Atlantic offers another spectacular, which is treasured at present by only a handful of cognoscenti.

This is a sea-angling paradise, created by hundreds of wrecks lying 30 miles offshore on the bottom of the ocean: merchantmen victims of German U-boats during the world wars.

Anglers have plundered wrecks around the coasts of England for years and shattered many records, but the snag about the wrecks off Northern Ireland is that no powerful, hi-tech charter boat is available to take anglers.

An Irish dreamer called John McKirgan is now prepared to put that right. His application for a European Community grant to help finance an £80,000 super-boat will reach the office of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board tomorrow.

If he is successful, this untapped cornucopia, teeming with the sea life attracted to sunken wrecks, could be open to holidaymaking anglers in time for the coming season.



Mr McKirgan plans to operate the new boat from the harbour at Portstewart, where he already runs a traditional charter-boat operation which practically guarantees that anglers do not have a blank day. On such a rare event, there is the consolation of a free trip around Bushmill's distillery, only a few miles up the road.

His present boat, Coral Strand, 27ft long and powered by a 120hp engine, fishes inshore, where commercial boats have hammered the local fisheries.

Nevertheless, when the season starts in late April or early May, Mr McKirgan will be taking confident anglers from all over the world out to shoals of fish, including sea bass, cod, pollack, whiting and coalfish.

His new 35ft workboat, to be built in Port Isaac, Cornwall, will have a 380hp turbocharged engine capable of 28 knots, plus two navigation systems (one of them satellite), radar, sonar, auto pilot and a colour fish-finder.

While still in harbour, Mr McKirgan will choose the wreck he wants to fish, adjust the navigation equipment and push the button. The boat will then be able to take him there without a touch of the wheel.

"I have charts here pinpointing 250 wrecks that we will be able to reach in the new boat within two hours," he says. "It is astonishing how prolific the fish are out there. I have had anglers exhausted after two or three hours of pulling in huge pollock and coalfish. I'm sure there are specimens to beat British records."

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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** welcomes Cameron Crowe's *Singles*, an offbeat but convincing American view of romance

Love's young dream is the real thing

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American films have done such a thorough job of trampling young love to death that a sweet film such as **Singles** takes you by surprise. Here are characters in their early twenties, with bills to pay and careers to nurture, mostly residents of the same Seattle apartment house, variously stricken by Cupid's darts. They are fresh, funny and, within the film's limits, entirely believable.

Environmentalist Linda (the excellent Kyra Sedgwick) burns her fingers with a Casanova and decides to forswear men. But her timing is bad: up pops civil engineer Steve, a perfect match, played by Campbell Scott, the poor little rich boy dying from leukaemia in *Dying Young*. Meanwhile, Bridget Fonda's Janet, an unfulfilled waitress, doggedly worships the indifferent Cliff, a rock musician with a few brain cells missing. Matt Dillon takes this part, with a pinch of self-parody: it is his most pleasing performance in years. All characters are single, swept up in the film's dance of life, expertly choreographed by writer-director Cameron Crowe.

Crowe, 34 years old, is clearly a youth specialist. He profiled rock musicians for *Rolling Stone* magazine, and came to movies with the high school romp *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*, based on his book. *Singles*, his second film as director, is particularly good at catching the beginnings of relationships: the fumbling encounters, the exploratory surveys of records, books and posters. Crowe has a sharp eye for social detail and knows how to use pop music; some 30 numbers threaded through the soundtrack feature Seattle groups.

For a mainstream venture, *Singles* takes a few risks. Characters talk to the camera; scenes are grouped under titles such as "The Hourglass Syndrome" and "What Took You So Long?" The discursive approach, and the lack of big stars, may be why this greatly engaging film has perplexed its distributors and failed to whip up a box-office storm. But there is real quality here that deserves a wide audience.

After reading the film script of the hit South African musical **Sarafina!**, Whoopi Goldberg asked the producer, "Is there anywhere I can slip in here without it being too distracting?" An ingenuous question, for Whoopi is hard to camouflage, least of all in a South African film, shot in Soweto.

Yet a spot was found for the lady who set the nuns swinging in *Sister Act*. Now she is a feisty teacher in the Soweto of 1986, her mission to ignore the approved textbooks, instil a political conscience in her charges and lead the odd song and dance. Behind her fridge stands a rifle: she is against violence, she says, but would fight if pushed.

Whoopi attacks her role with just enough force to make the character resonate, but not enough to overbalance the film. For Mbongeni Ngema's musical is the story of Sarafina, the smiling, pretty pupil who comes of age through the violence of Soweto in the years of emergency rule. Leleti Khimalo, who originated the role, gives a vibrant performance, undimmed by hundreds of stage performances of the show in Johannesburg and New York.

If the images emphasise injustice and violence, Ngema and Hugh Masekela's music celebrates energy, joy and defiance. The two do not always gel. An opening number, with the word Soweto spelt out on the plains like the Hollywood sign, gets the film off on the wrong foot. The greater realism that cinema offers makes some other songs appear misplaced: who wants to hear jolly voices after a racist policeman is horrendously burnt to death?

Local director Darrell James Roodt, however, shows little restraint. The camera zooms, tracks and takes wing in a helicopter; the last scene with Sarafina's mother (Miriam Makeba) is sticky with sentiment. This film, with obvious excesses and misjudgments, has something more important: a passionate, fighting heart. Whoopi was right to take part.

Man Bites Dog, by contrast, deliberately displays a heart of stone. In the opening seconds a woman train passenger is strangled. Then the corpses pile up: postmen, old ladies, passers-by, all dispatched in grimy black-and-white photography by the loquacious killer hero, Ben.

At his side, always, is a film crew with mike boom and hirching camera, shooting a documentary about his work. Effervescent Ben brings them to meet family and friends, plays the piano to his girlfriend's flute and spills out his thoughts on architecture, violence ("the scourge of society"), pigeons' mating habits and the artist Bernard Buffet. The crew begin as observers, but soon become Ben's uneasy accomplices. So do we, as we sit and laugh while this preening monster lays waste the dull citizens of a Belgian provincial town.

Ever since Cannes this brazen exercise in jet-black comedy has sped round the festivals, winning prizes and notoriety for its young film-making trio: Rémy Belvaux, André Bonzel and Benoît Poelvoorde. (The latter also stars as the egregious, all-gabbling Ben.) On release in Belgium, it took more money than *Batman Returns*.

But once you stand back from the hype, what do you get? A conceit worth maybe 30 minutes of celluloid. A string of callous jokes wrapped round sequences that chill the blood: a rape and murder towards the end is especially appalling. A film, ultimately, without a point.

Goodness knows what cinematic talents Belvaux, Bonzel and Poelvoorde really possess: the film's pose of being filmed on the hop squashes any need for polish. Cheek and childish humour they have in abundance. But put alongside the dazzling promise of European first features such as *Delicatessen* or *Toto the Hero*, *Man Bites Dog* seems a thin, one-off jape from film-makers who are trapped in a cul-de-sac.

In November **Soft Top Hard Shoulder** won the first British Feature Gold Bier Audience Award at the London Film Festival. Some people, obviously, like it a lot; though they must have a strong stomach for whimsy and an indulgence for comedy stretched thin.

The premise is this: Gavin, the struggling, self-centred offspring of a Scottish-Italian ice-cream dynasty, needs to drive from London to Glasgow to claim his inheritance at his father's birthday party. But the road to Scotland in a pale blue Triumph Herald is paved with diversions, setbacks and too many characters from the drawer marked "Eccentrics". Some seem left over from Bill Forsyth movies, especially *Local Hero*, the film that launched the career of Peter Capaldi, *Soft Top*'s lead actor and scriptwriter.

The young director-producer team of Stefan Schwartz and Richard Holmes and their colleagues obviously have promising talent. Some of the spurts of dialogue deserve loud guffaws. They make the best of their tiny budget and take on the challenge of widescreen photography. They create, in Elaine Collins's hitch-hiker Yvonne, a genuinely distinctive, likable character, a primly dressed runaway with a smile and a moral for every occasion.

If only the film's high spirits had been channelled into a script that had bones and sinews. Instead, watching *Soft Top Hard Shoulder* is like dining out on a meringue.



Putting in some benchwork: Bridget Fonda as Janet, an unfulfilled waitress, gets close to Matt Dillon as Cliff, a less-than-bright rock musician, in Singles

Bringing it all back home from Chiantishire



Allegory of Good Government, by Charles Fairfax Murray after Ambrogio Lorenzetti. Education Trust Ltd, Ruskin Galleries, Bembridge School, Isle of Wight

John Russell Taylor reviews a touring exhibition of art and artefacts created by or collected for John Ruskin, the great Victorian Italophile

Ruskin must have been an insufferable man, even when not barking mad. But the proof of the prophet is in the product, and there is no denying that Ruskin's fiendish energy, high moral purpose and intensity of vision (allied to his wealth) produced some impressive, tangible benefits to the world at large. His passion for the stones of Venice shaped British architecture for more than one generation; his advocacy ensured Turner's place as the greatest of British painters; his prose style influenced Proust.

Even more tangible was the collection of art works and documents he put together for the St George's Museum in Sheffield, founded in 1875 as part of the Guild of St George, an educational trust Ruskin had set up four years previously. The museum was amply supplied with material reflecting Ruskins's many interests in the arts and social planning. It is now called the Ruskin Museum, and its collections have been vital in the show "Ruskin and Tuscany", which begins its tour in London at the Accademia Italiana before going on to Sheffield and to Lucca.

As the title and the Lucca venue suggest, the show is primarily concerned with Ruskins's time spent in Tuscany, and his continuing interest in the area and its arts. Tuscany was ultimately as important to Ruskin as Venice; he believed that the roots of much of later art history throughout Europe could be traced from late Gothic and early Renaissance Tuscany.

Through the years from his first visit in 1840 Ruskin frequently made extended visits to the four main Tuscan cities: Florence, Pisa, Lucca and Siena. On each of his visits he wrote enthusiastically, painted and drew local scenes and architectural details himself. Later on (his final visit was in 1882) he also had daguerreotypes taken, and commissioned artists such as William Collingwood, Henry Roderick-Newman and Charles Fairfax Murray. This was for his growing collection in Sheffield, where the documents might serve as an inspiration to new generations of architects and craftspeople, or simply the local labouring classes whose lives might be ennobled by these contacts with beauty.

The exhibition, drawn from the Sheffield collections and many other sources, is an amazingly coherent rag-bag. He was always ready to respond to beauty in anything. Here we find his own exquisite landscape watercolours jostling with pieces of scientific observation, or his assistants now working on measured patterns from Tuscan art, now letting themselves go with vivid scenes of bustling urban life.

Though Tuscany is present throughout, it was never the limit of Ruskin's observations. From sculpture in Siena he moved on to a fascination with the sculptural qualities of ancient Greek coins. Interest in early Italian engravings carried him on to comparisons with north European work such as Holbein's "Dance of Death", and forward as far as Thomas Bewick and his wood-engraved head-and-tail pieces. The later visits to Tuscany are linked with his abortive courtship of Rose La Touche, her death in 1875 and his first attacks of madness. All of this and more is touched upon in a show at once informative to those already interested in Ruskin and full enough of beautiful things to hold those who know nothing and care less about him.

● **Accademia Italiana** 24 Rutland Gate, SW7 (071-225 3474) Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun 2-5.30pm, until Feb 7. £3, concessions £1.50.

Gielgud's gongs to go up again at gala

ARTS BRIEFING

GLITTERING ranks of thespians will assemble at the theatre of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts in Piccadilly on January 31, when Sir John Gielgud receives yet another award for his groaning mantelpiece. He is to be given the first annual Shakespeare Globe Trust Award, for his contribution to the enjoyment of Shakespeare. The award comes in the comely shape of a maquette designed by Dame Elisabeth Frink, cast in the form of a Shakespeare figure.

During the evening, Gielgud will also be given a kind of upmarket *This is Your Life* treatment, during which friends and professional colleagues will recall their association with him, and clips from his films and stage appearances will be shown. The evening raises funds for the Shakespeare Globe Trust, which plans to reconstruct the Elizabethan playhouse on the banks of the Thames. Gielgud is the honorary president of the Trust. The latest projection for the theatre's opening date is April next year.

● BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet is paying tribute to Sir Kenneth MacMillan, who died in October, with a special performance of his pas de deux *Pavane*, during the company's forthcoming Sadler's Wells season. Originally choreographed by MacMillan in 1973 for Antoinette Sibley and Anthony Dowell, *Pavane* has been added to the opening programme of BRB's London season and will be given two performances only, on February 2 and 3.

Martin miniaturised

NOT a lot of people know that this year is the 150th anniversary of Charles Dickens's *Martin Chuzzlewit*. But in Coventry the date will be properly celebrated with a new stage adaptation of the novel, which will open at the Belgrade Theatre on February 4. The staging, by Robert Hamlin, will utilise designs based on the original illustrations by "Phiz" and on the famous Gustave Doré engravings, and the dramatisation is by Sally Hedges. Hedges is no stranger to the herculean labour of adapting giant Victorian novels for the stage: she has already tackled *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, *La Bête Humaine* and *Far from the Madding Crowd*.

● AMERICAN trumpeter Wynton Marsalis has already conquered the worlds of jazz and classical music. Now this Renaissance man of the brass world is venturing into dance. He is writing a score for a new ballet by Peter Martins, director of New York City Ballet. The work, entitled simply *Jazz (Sir Syncopated Movements)*, receives its world premiere tonight at Lincoln Center. Marsalis, who is artistic director of jazz at Lincoln Center, will perform the score with his ensemble at each performance.

Last chance . . .

ALLAN RAMSAY has always tended to be overshadowed in popular estimation by his contemporaries Reynolds and Gainsborough. That was partly because he was Scottish (and though he achieved fame in London, many of his finest portraits remained in Scottish private collections), and partly because he was much less assertive in style than the other two painters, tender towards women and quietly perceptive about his male sitters. The retrospective at the National Portrait Gallery (071-306 0055) comes as a revelation, showing him as a major painter. It runs until Sunday.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

ANDRAS SCHIFF: The virtuoso pianist continues his Schubert series performing Sonatas in A flat major, D557; B major, D575 and C major, D894. The next concert is on Saturday.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

PRINCESS IDA: Penultimate performance of English National Opera's staging of the Gilbert and Sullivan opera on women's education. James Merifield's colourful designs are spectacular and there is some fine singing, but Ken Russell's heavy-handed piling of one sight gag on top of another palls very quickly. James Holmes conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

RICHARD III: Simon Russell Beale's bald, savagely funny monster in Sam Mendes's memorable Royal Shakespeare Company production from last year's Stratford season.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Opens tonight, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm.

KING LEAR: First Shakespeare at the Royal Court since 1979. Max Stafford-Clark directs a fine cast led by Tom Wilkinson, Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm; opens Jan 21, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

FRANCIS CARR: An émigré from Central Europe who arrived in Britain in 1938, Francis Carr brought with him established continental ideas little regarded here at that time about the integration of new art with architecture and the total planned environment. A painter and sculptor himself, he was a trail-blazer in artistic screen-printing during the Forties, and exerted great influence as design consultant to the GLC housing division from 1965 to 1969. This retrospective includes his own art, as well as recording his most important public commissions in photograph and document.
The Building Centre, 26 Store Street, WC1 (071-637 1022). Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat, 10am-1pm, until January 29.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Pierre Boulez conducts the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** for the first time. As might be expected from one of the most influential figures in modern music, Boulez has chosen a programme that documents key moments in the musical life of the 20th century: Schoenberg's Five Pieces for Orchestra; Variations for Orchestra Op 30 and the Cantatas Nos 1 and 2 by Webern; and Stravinsky's *Petrushka* (1911). A second concert later in the month continues the theme (Jan 20 and repeated on Jan 26).
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333), 7.30pm.

BRISTOL: The republics of the former Soviet Union are certainly going through some radical transitions, both politically and economically. The situation with their art is not so clear, but **A Time of Transition**, which comprises print making by 36 artists currently working in Russia and the Ukraine, seems to offer some pointers. Most of the 180 works on show are figurative and fairly conservative: folk-influenced woodcuts, etched book plates and monumental lithographs are prominent, and the most powerful recent influence from the West is Pop Art.
City Museum and Art Gallery, Queen's Road (0272 223572). Daily, 10am-5pm, until January 10.

GLASGOW: Elijah Moshinsky's solid production of Puccini's tearjerker, *La Bohème*, with evocative period designs by Michael Yeargan, is revived by **Scottish Opera**. Katerina Kudriavchenko is Mimi, Sally Harrison, Musetta, and Peter Bronder, George Sandison, Stephen Bennett, George Mosley are the artistically inclined young men. Marco Guidarini conducts. Opening night.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (041-332 9000), 7.15pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ **BILLY LIAR:** The Waterhouse/Hall success of 1960 exposed as unbalanced and pretty charmless.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 140mins.

◪ **CARMEN JONES:** Final week of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

■ **CAROUSEL:** Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◪ **THE COMEDY OF ERRORS:** Ian Judge's sublimely funny production, with award-winning Desmond Barrit playing both portly twins.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat today, Sat, 2pm. 145mins.

◪ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◪ **FROM A JACK TO A KING:** Witty pastiche of *Macbeth*, set in the world of rock bands, packed with Sixties songs.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. Final week.

□ **HAY FEVER:** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY:** Larks in the hospital common room; Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 135mins.

□ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama: stylishly done.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

□ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **ME AND MY GIRL:** Final performances of the cheerful "Lambeth Walk" musical.
Adelphi, Strand, WC2 (071-836 7611). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 165mins.

□ **MISERY:** Sharon Gless and Bill Paterson in American *grand guignol*; good characterisation for Stephen King addicts.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **OUR SONG:** Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. 135mins.

□ **THE PRISONER OF ZENDA:** David Haig plays the dashing Rudolph Rassendyll in the best of all romantic adventures, staged with exuberance, laughs and really exciting sword fights.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins.

◪ **THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE:** Alison Steadman and Jane Horrocks in Jim Cartwright's play about a shy girl escaping her raucous mother. Ingenious but incredible.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** Simon Cadell, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

□ **TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS':** Pinero's comedy about theatre folk in mid-Victorian London. Successful only in parts and the minor parts at that. Stars Michael Hordern and Sarah Brightman.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ◪ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged):** Arts Theatre (071-836 2132) ... □ **Dancing at Lughnasa:** Garrick (071-494 5085) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... □ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

DANZON: Mexican telephone operator searches for lost dancing partner. Intoxicating music, good atmosphere, and a plot gently going nowhere. Director, Maria Novaro.
ICA (071-930 3647).

L.627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine: stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material. Starring Didier Bezace, Nils Tavernier.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

MAN TROUBLE (15): Ellen Barkin hires Jack Nicholson's guard dog but finds no security. Talent wasted in dreadful comedy from director Bob Rafelson and the writer of *Five Easy Pieces*, Carole Eastman.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

RAISING CAIN (15): Split personality John Lithgow kidnaps kids, terrorises Lolita Davidovich, and bores the audience. Ludicrous hokum from director Brian De Palma.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636). **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310).

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

CURRENT

BLADE RUNNER (15): The improved "director's cut" of Ridley Scott's influential vision of a dark, hellish L.A. infested with rebel androids. Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279/379 7025) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

◆ **THE BODYGUARD** (15): Kevin Costner as the bodyguard who falls for his showbiz charge (Whitney Houston). Jumbled drama, from a 1975 Lawrence Kasdan script. Director, Mick Jackson.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CHAPLIN (12): A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr., but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or his career.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Odeon Leicester Square** (0426 915683).

◆ **DEATH BECOMES HER** (PG): Meryl Streep and Goldie Hawn battle to attain eternal youth. Ice-cold black comedy, ultimately swamped by special effects. Stars Bruce Willis; director, Robert Zemeckis.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **A FEW GOOD MEN** (15): Cocky naval lawyer (Tom Cruise) defends marines accused of murder. Devilishly seductive courtroom drama starring Demi Moore, Jack Nicholson; director, Rob Reiner.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574).

◆ **OF MICE AND MEN** (PG): Steinbeck's classic Depression tale of friendship and innocence. John Malkovich as the slow-witted Lennie; director Gary Sinise as his protector. Simple, sturdy and moving.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ **PETER'S FRIENDS** (15): College pals meet up after a decade for a glib mixture of laughter and tears. Kenneth Branagh directs Emma Thompson, Stephen Fry, Rita Rudner and himself.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (071-497 9999).

◆ **STRICTLY BALLROOM** (PG): One dancer's fight to defy the rules of the Australian Ballroom Dancing Federation. Ebullient, intoxicating debut by director Baz Luhrmann. With Paul Mercurio, Tara Morice.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683).

TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12): Wonderful, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (Gérard and Guillaume Depardieu); director, Alain Corneau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** reviews Karel Reisz's new Terence Rattigan production

Decline and fall of Esher wife

DONALD COOPER



Hopeless infatuation: Penelope Wilton and Linus Roache in the Almeida revival of Rattigan's 1952 drama

The Deep Blue Sea
Almeida

POOR Terence Rattigan. He died in 1977 a frustrated, disappointed man, feeling with some justice that fashion was still behaving less fairly to him than to the snarling young Turks who had thrust him from his throne. But perhaps 1993 will complete the rehabilitation that began with the National's revival of *The Browning Version* a decade ago. A major production of *Separate Tables* is on the way; and, first, here is Karel Reisz's fine staging of *The Deep Blue Sea*, a reminder that Rattigan was more, much more than a fastidious craftsman.

The play shows its origins, which were personal. In the 1940s Rattigan fell in love with an actor who never fully returned his affection. Eventually, the young man started another homosexual affair which also failed, causing him to overdose on sleeping pills and then turn on the gas. Rattigan, badly upset, instantly began work on a play that in its first draft involved a tragic relationship between two men. But by its first night in 1952, it had been diplomatically transposed to the other side of the sexual divide.

It is Hester Collyer, wife of a judge, who is discovered unconscious beside an unlit gas fire. Ten months ago she left the marital home for a former test pilot, Freddie Page; and the inequality of their love has become sadly obvious. Indeed, they come from two different emotional worlds, one of which is a Sunningdale golf club and the houses round Esher and the other, well, the planet Venus. If Phedre had fallen for Biggles the mismatch could hardly have been greater, or more damaging.

Reisz's production and William Dudley's set do much to evoke the ration-book era. Apart from the red-covered bed half-visible, everything in Page's flat is a different shade of dismal grey or shoddy brown. The effect, an entirely beneficial one, is to emphasise Hester's decline and humiliation. And those are precisely what Penelope Wilton shows the woman herself struggling against and succumbing to.

Wilton's Hester is still the clergyman's daughter and judge's wife, and spends much of the evening desperately sustaining poise and a little dignity. But her pale, rather raddled face gives her away, as does the weird glint she somehow puts in her eyes. Perhaps her outbursts, when they come, could be more feral. She needs to add a decibel or two to the howl she directs at Linus Roache's departing Freddie: "don't leave me alone tonight". But she leaves us in little doubt either that the play's theme is, as Rattigan put it, "compulsion too strong to resist".

I suspect that Roache, sweaty and restless, is a less amiable Freddie than Kenneth More in the first production; but his mix of baffled injury and rough indignation suits the role. All the supporting actors are excellent, particularly Wojtek Pszoniak, who brings a canny, rodent life to the part usually regarded as the most implausible in the play, that of the struck-off doctor with the good heart. But was it right so sweepingly to cut the scene in which he instructs Hester in the art of living "without hope"? True, her renunciation of suicide struck the play's original critics as unconvincing; but now it seems undermotivated. A small lapse in a gripping evening.

MIME: A telling exploration of the battle of the sexes

No sound, much fury

Heart
Young Vic Studio

FIFTEEN years ago an experimental season of mime played a few nights at the Cockpit Theatre in Marylebone. This year, the descendant of that experiment, the London International Mime Festival, brings 20 companies to nine London venues and to a couple of dozen more around the country.

Black Mime Theatre is one of several companies who look for inspiration in contemporary life, by which is generally meant the hazards and/or comedy of urban experience. Until last summer, the company was made up of two separate troupes, the men's and the women's, but these have now combined to produce a two-hour show that takes as its theme, logically enough, man-woman relationships. At its forefront is the pattern of violence and neglect that men impose on women.

The evening begins with three couples gazing into their partners' faces. Two of the men in turn become attackers, physically and then erotically, though they are finally trounced by the women. The third pair embrace and kiss, tenderly, joyfully, and their happiness stands as an image of the accord that could, ideally, exist. Why is the reality so often so different?

Selfish, short-tempered fathers take the blame. After a funny wedding scene, where Benji Reid, the nervous groom, somehow produces the sound of a heartbeat without parting his lips, the action moves to the home. Reid is now a domestic tyrant, demanding food from his wife, drink from his daughter, bath salts from his son, and felling any child who hesitates in satisfying his dictatorial whim.

Here, as elsewhere, the company's physical skills and expressive faces make the frightful situation palatably comic, without denying its nastiness. Whenever Reid shoves open the imagined door to the kitchen, Tracey Anderson, his wife, freezes in an attitude of apprehension, eyes opened wide at the sight of her household thug. An image of alarm, it is true, but aesthetically pleasing, significantly exaggerated, and created by applying tight bodily control.

These are the qualities the company exhibits throughout the scenes that follow, a sequence of marital faithlessness, playground games, disco pick-ups, sorrow and loss. Denise Wong's direction places some of these encounters down on the floor and too close to the front for the back rows to see, but in all other respects the action moves with an ordered turbulence, bringing actors in from chorus to solo position, from playing individual characters to merging into a disco group or cinema crowd.

In the inventive closing scene, the sexes are reversed, actresses become macho men and the actors flirty women. The elegant Cassi Pool harasses the hitherto macho bullying Michael Mannash-Daniels, Arosemaya Diedrick bears up the agile and formerly cocky Neville Robinson. This role reversal, by turning conventions askew, makes one see social situations anew.

JEREMY KINGSTON

DANCE: A triple bill dedicated to Nureyev

Moved by the muses

Royal Ballet
Covent Garden

APOLLO was one of Rudolf Nureyev's favourite roles, so it seems especially fitting that the Royal Ballet's revival of Balanchine's neo-classical masterpiece *Apollo* should open a triple bill dedicated to Nureyev. Like Nureyev, Eddie J. Shellman, a guest from the Dance Theatre of Harlem, making his debut here as Apollo, has a physical splendour and easy authority that transforms him utterly into a Grecian god assuming his divinity.

According to another Apollo, Peter Martins, whom Balanchine himself coached in the part, the choreographer wanted "powerfully made, abstract shapes". Nureyev always emphasised the extraordinary geometry of the choreography; he made absolutely clear the meaning of its images; his movement had dramatic weight without having to resort to emoting.

This is what Shellman succeeds magnificently in doing. He hears music for the first time, holding an instrument and striking the strings with imperious sun-like circlings of his arm, against the Matisse blue of a Mediterranean sky. He tries out his powers, as though flexing his muscles. He explores with Terpsichore the potential of dance in a wonderfully executed central pas de deux.

Darcey Bussell (also making her debut) comes over as an ideal Terpsichore, her leggy silhouette and vertiginous extensions reminiscent of Suzanne Farrell, Balanchine's own muse. Smiling, she suggests pleasure at discovering the feminine grace of dance, her arms alternating in playful arcs as Stravinsky's score turns to delicate harp chords. Barry Wordsworth's conducting underlines the shimmering, mysterious spaciousness of the music, but perhaps underplays its astringencies.

Fiona Chadwick contributes her crisp phrasing as the muse Calliope, her dancing always right on top of the musical beat. This same quality seemed particularly effective in Balanchine's scintillating *Symphony in C*, which closed the programme. She appeared in the Allegro Vivace movement with Tetsuya Kumakawa, forming a brightly alert couple, he light and clean. Rachael Whitbread used her long tapering legs in the slow plunging extensions of the second movement; her flowing lines sensitively echoed the *cantileña* of Bizet's music. Stuart Cassidy displayed his stylish *ballon*, all elegant clarity in the split jumps of the final section.

Kenneth MacMillan's last work, *The Judas Tree*, came as a bleak expanse between the evening's two exhilarating extremities. An uncomfortable work to watch, it also contains some of MacMillan's most rawly spectacular choreography: whether in the brutally disarticulated positions for the woman, or the rough-hewn twists and bounds for the taciturn thug called the Foreman. And it gets devastating performances: Viviana Durante, Irek Mukhamedov and Michael Nunn (as one of the Foreman's friends), give it their all.

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LITERATURE: **Nicolette Jones** reports on a brave attempt to create 'a vibrant market for fiction ten years hence'

Time to raise the stock of the new

Once upon a time, or at least in fairy-tales, it was enough for a novelist to find a publisher in order to reach a wide audience and achieve general fame. The letter of acceptance was the dream come true for any toiler-in-a-garret. Now it does not always guarantee a happy ever after. It could simply presage the various ignominies, which might include being ignored by reviewers, getting sales that do not reach four figures, and — worst of all — being speedily remaindered. The product of years of work might be pulped in less time than it took to make a rough draft of the plot.

An initiative that reaches the bookshops next week offers the garret-toilers (or in this case a former "unloader of frozen doughnuts" and a former shoeshop employee, among others) the chance of a more glorious literary future. W H Smith, in collaboration with half a dozen publishers, is utilising all its corporate might to push seven specially chosen first novels published straight into paperback at around £4.99 each (the books are available in other bookshops as well).

The "Fresh Talent" promotion is intended to overcome customers' supposed attachment to familiar names and stories as seen on television. More important, if it works, it will help these newcomers to create "a vibrant market for fiction ten years hence", as Martin Lee of W H Smith puts it.

So what led to such a tactic? A couple of years ago it was a truism of the book trade that hardback fiction hardly sold (2,000-3,000 copies was tops), and that first novels sold even more miserably: on average 564 copies, one publisher admitted. But successful experiments over the last year or two suggested a brighter way forward. Such publishing houses as Cape, Chatto, Secker and Hamish Hamilton found that by going straight into paperback (even with swanky editions at nearly £10) they could boost the initial sales of books by relative unknowns — *American* unknowns too — to as much as three times their expected hardback sales. Meanwhile W H Smith found that if hardback bestsellers were featured in special "Top Ten" displays or in "Thumping Good Read" selections, significant numbers of customers would part with £15 or so for hardback fiction after all.

These discoveries persuaded W H Smith that readers are more open-minded about new authors than they were being given credit for, and will respond both to cheaper formats and to retailers' recommendations; they put all this together. What the customer will see, from Tuesday, in all 400

> 'The books selected may not be Henry James, but all promise entertainment'

branches of W H Smith, are window displays and stands, prominent enough to fall over as you enter the shops or their book departments, of the seven novels. The first 20,000 W H Smith customers can pick up free 50-page "samplers", containing a chapter of each of the new books and make up their minds which, if any, they want to read.

What the customer will not have seen is the process of selection of these seven. All were books that publishers were already committed to when W H Smith got involved; but they would have come out first in hardback. It did not take long, though, to persuade editors to take a different tack. The usual financial arguments for publishing in hardback first and the tendency of authors to prefer the prestige of hard covers were quickly eclipsed by W H Smith's wish to take 15,000-20,000 copies of each novel. Once the word was out, nine publishers offered some 60 manuscripts to a panel of W H Smith selectors. Three of the publishers were unlucky; the other six altered their schedules accordingly.

Undue influence was not exerted. It is not — yet — as if bookshops can dictate what is published. W H Smith's Lee insists that the bookshop chain knew its place. "We didn't interfere with the editorial process and say, for instance, that we would take a book if it were 50 pages shorter. But choosing books we want to promote is after all what we already do."

So is the W H Smith customer about to be weaned from novelisations of Gold Blend ads to Booker Prize contenders? Inevitably, W H Smith was aiming for a market it already knows. Although the film critic (and former shoe salesperson) Anne Billson, the author of the camp vampire-spoof *Suckers* (Pan), also happens to have just been chosen as one of Granta's 20 "best of young British" writers (along with Booker winners Kazuo Ishiguro and Ben Okri), the "Fresh Talent" selectors were looking for "the quality end of popular writing" — good, but not too demanding. As Lee points out, "there are no Malaysian authors in translation."

Lee compares two of the books to Joanna Trollope — "genteel English female reads": Marika Cobbold's story of a collapsing marriage in an old rectory, *Guppies for Tea* (Black Swan), and Elizabeth Palmer's tale of a gold-digging Italian woman who becomes mistress of an English country house, *The Stainless Angel* (Arrow). Two others he compares to Ruth Rendell: Joanna Hines's *Dora's Room* (Coronet) and *Trick of the Eye* (Penguin) by Jane Stanton Hitchcock (the only American in the selection), both involving houses with sinister histories.

Valerie Windsor's *Telling Stories* (Sinclair-Stevenson), about a woman who walks out of a French café and her marriage simultaneously, has already been commended in review (literary editors are responding as hoped) for its "fine sense of fantasy and irony". And Ben Woolfenden's *The Ruins of Time* (Black Swan), described by critics as "the most ambitious" of the books, goes into a family history involving a 19th-century artists' colony and a troubled love affair. The books may not be Henry James, but all promise entertainment, and none is schlock.

"It wouldn't be fair to dismiss the books out of hand," thinks Woolfenden, who is the former doughnut unloader, and for ten years a bookseller who was "aware of how feebly first novels were selling". "We have all, after all, already overcome two hurdles: the books have been chosen first by a publisher and then by the W H Smith panel." If the scheme works, the authors will repay the investment. All have at least a second novel underway. And the promotion is to be annual: publishers are already talking to W H Smith about next year's.

There is still no guarantee of general fame, however. Patrick Janson-Smith of Black Swan admits: "Just because the books are cheap doesn't mean millions of people will buy them." But he hopes, of course, that the books are appetising enough to go like hot cakes. Or frozen doughnuts.



Promoted: (left to right) Joanna Hines, Marika Cobbold, Ben Woolfenden, Elizabeth Palmer, Anne Billson and Valerie Windsor

ALAN WELLER



Billy Roche: his plays offer a wonderfully subtle portrait of the joys, griefs, camaraderie and oppressiveness of small-town life

Local life and livers

Benedict Nightingale joins Billy Roche in the town that inspired the three Wexford plays

The actors were nervous and so was Billy Roche himself. The photos of him plastered all over town, his face sunk into a hand, was meant to make him look creative, but actually suggested he was surreptitiously biting his fingernails. What would his native Wexford make of the trilogy he had named after it? Would the town think it worth the Roche symposium, the Roche brunch, the walk around Roche landmarks, and the other events of what was billed as the Billy Roche Weekend?

Well, the company at first had trouble adapting from the intimacy of the Bush in London to the gorgeous green acres of the Theatre Royal, home of the Wexford Opera Festival. But half-way through *A Handful of Stars* — a story of a tearaway set in a Wexford pool hall — you could sense the town making its decision. It found the play funny and moving, as it did when the action shifted to a betting shop for *Poor Beast in the Rain*, a tale of emotional failure set against Wexford's success in the national hurling championships.

Off to the sacristy of a local church for the forlorn love-triangle of *Belfry*, and vox pop's verdict was assured. The house stood, cheered, and, on hearing the playwright was 44 the next day, sang "Happy Birthday to You". Roche might have some sharp things to say about his home town, but, unlike Synge and O'Casey in riotous Dublin, he was clearly a prophet with honour on his own patch.

Occasionally the honouring took a perverse form. A municipal reception started off lightly enough, with the Mayor (one Padge Reck) recalling drinking sessions in the Roche family pub, the Shamrock, and Roche himself remembering what a passer-by said when the place burnt down: "Sure, I wouldn't mind, but I left a bit of rope in there." But then the County Manager, a tall, imposing figure, stood up and quoted what was in fact a highly ironic comment from *Poor Beast in the Rain*: "A man without a home town is nothin'."

The plays, he suggested, were about the need for everyone to gather "under the banner of local patriotism". They were about flying the flag, knowing that small was beautiful, developing oases, creating jobs, and "participation, involvement and cooperation". Their message was "buy Irish and buy it in Wexford". It seemed that the aim of Roche's work — a wonderfully subtle portrait of the joys, griefs, camaraderie and oppressiveness of small-town life — was to attack imports from Taiwan.

That did not go down too well with the visiting intellectuals from Dublin, who spent some of the Roche symposium warning the playwright against being hijacked by the Establishment. And certainly a lot of important people had turned up for the fun. The publisher Nick Hern asked a small, bearded man to move the cameras at the Roche book-launch, thinking him part of a television team. Actually, he was Brendan Howlin, at the time tipped for a post in the next Irish government.

But Roche told the symposium he loved and hated Wexford, and had written in spite not because of its encouragement. He is also a humorous, unpretentious man. That became evident when he led an anecdotal tour of the town that began with a peek at the tiny terrace house where the Roche children slept more than one to a bed and then went past snooker halls, the site of the burnt-down Shamrock, the plaque honouring the famous boxer who was also his grandfather, the dance hall through whose back-window he used to sneak, and the "hole in the wall", a slit in an old building through which drink could be bought after closing time. The tour ended on the quay, beside the statue of a notable staring out to sea — "his arse turned towards Wexford," said Roche wryly.

But the official events were only part of the Billy Roche Weekend. After each performance, what seemed to be the entire town crammed into the tiny Thomas Moore Tavern, and then stumbled off to Whites Hotel to toast the dramatist until 2 am or so. The drama critic of the *Irish Times*, David Nowlan, was a mite sniffy. When he was a student, he said, people would still be singing at 6.30 am and drinking at 9 am. Had Irish livers gone soft?

The last night of the festival, it hardly seemed so. Roche's father played the accordion, his sister and niece sang, the Mayor did a fine solo, someone else delivered a ballad about a local hurling champion, and everybody joined in "Ol' Man River" and "Molly Malone". Can you imagine anything comparable when Alan Ayckbourn returns in triumph to Horsham, or Harold Pinter is honoured by his native Hackney? No, I thought not.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Godfathers bred by Uncle Sam?

Allied to the Mafia
BBC 2

Devotees of *The Golden Girls* will be familiar with the oldest character Sophia's preamble to her wildly exaggerated tales of feuds and violent death. "Picture this: Sicily 1910..." In folklore, pulp fiction and above all the cinema, the link between organised crime and Italian-Americans is the cliché of clichés, as American as pizza-to-go and pastrami-on-rye. At the same time, to judge by news reports of trials and killings, it seems that big-time crime and "the mob" are still New York buddies.

Last night's flawed, sometimes slick *Timewatch* programme, made in association with the Arts and Entertainment Network and Lionheart Television International Incorporated, put all this in a new light by declaring at once: "This is the story of a pact between the United States and the Mafia." It was a study in conflicting imperatives, half a century ago, which would seem to have had terrible consequences persisting today.

During the 1920s, Mussolini weakened the powerful and ages-old Sicilian Mafia through a campaign of mass arrest (11,000 in all). *The Times* apparently congratulated Il Duce on "attacking the monster in its lair and throttling it". The trains were running on time and the Mafia was as good as dead. But, coincidentally, by 1940 there were 500,000 people in the US with Sicilian ancestry, and many were involved at high level in organised crime.

Agents and sympathisers of Nazi Germany and fascist Italy were using the New York waterfront to get help and information to the U-boats which, between the US declaration of war in 1941 and March 1942, picked off 140 merchant ships virtually within sight of the Big Apple. Since the gang bosses controlled the waterfront, their help was seen as vital in countering the fifth-columnists. A pact was sealed between various nicknames. For the mafiosi, first there was Joe "Socks" Lanza ("He was a power. Nobody could sell fish without his approval.") and later the city's criminal boss, "Lucky" Luciano (then in the sixth year of a 50-year sentence, from which he was paroled in 1946). For US Navy Intelligence, there was Charles "Red" Haffenden.

In 1943, when the allies were preparing to use Sicily as a stepping stone in the re-conquest of Europe, this partnership was extended to provide intelligence and contacts, anything from old photos and postcards to names and addresses of the mafiosi back home were collected. Again, the mob had put out the word to be helpful to the invading forces.

Once the allies had liberated the island with the help of those contacts, they repaid the favour by establishing them in positions of local power, mainly as mayors. Simultaneously, they turned a blind eye to their resumption of criminal activity and to the murderous suppression of communists and others who threatened the reinstatement of the feudal system, controlled by the landowners, the Church and the Mafia.

Producer Richard Bradley and his team pieced together such evidence as had survived destruction by the authorities and produced two talkative former agents. The one from US Navy Intelligence said "What choice did we have? I couldn't care less what they were." The OSS man offered: "We used the Mafia the same way they tried to use us. It's too dam' bad it happened. We didn't do our job, I'll tell you that much."

Today the streets of Sicily look as dangerous as ever, and battle-weary locals despair of defeating established forces which have, after all, had such powerful help from overseas. As one anti-Mafia campaigner put it: "The Americans are greatly responsible for the rise of the Mafia. I say to them 'Study your history, for your history is our history.'" The comic stereotype of the fedora-wearing, machinegun-toting gangster with a thick Italian accent will never seem quite so funny again.

TONY PATRICK

JAZZ: **Clive Davis** talks to Whitney Balliett, once described by Philip Larkin as 'a writer who brings jazz journalism to the verge of poetry'

Wishing the melody could have lingered on

The best jazz writer in the world? That is a question that would give the buffs an excuse to indulge in their favourite pastime — another fruitless and bad tempered debate lasting into the early hours of the morning. So, to avoid undue aggravation, let me confine myself to the assertion that, along with the part-timer Philip Larkin, Whitney Balliett stands the best chance of reaching a readership beyond the confines of jazz.

And sure enough, there he is in the new edition of the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*, rubbing shoulders with Bakunin, Balzac and Phineas T. Barnum. It goes without saying that one of his two entries is that much-borrowed definition of the art of jazz — "the sound of surprise". The second is his assessment of what makes a critic — "a bundle of biases held loosely together by a sense of taste."

That word "taste" is bound to surface in any discussion of a stylist who learnt his trade at *The New Yorker* under the direction of the fastidious William Shawn. Balliett's approach, a mixture of impressionistic reportage and acute musical observation, has been channeled into more than a dozen books — the latest of which, *Goodbyes and Other Messages: A Journal of Jazz 1981-1990*, is published today (OUP, £15).

The title might suggest that, at the age of 66, he is bidding farewell. Not so, he explains, as he sits in his discreetly furnished apartment in Manhattan's Upper East Side. The point he was actually trying to make was that the Eighties was a decade when jazz lost a long list of elder statesmen such as Thelonious Monk, Earl Hines, Buddy Rich and Roy Eldridge. Their deaths are recorded in the obituaries which seem to crop up on every other page.

Not surprisingly, this induces gloomy thoughts in a writer like Balliett, whose instinctive preferences lie with the melodically-inclined musicians of the swing era. "The music seems to be in a state of recollection at present," he says. "Most of the best records coming out are re-issues, and there are all those young players copying earlier styles. It's hard to see where the music is going. Maybe it's finished, gone..."

He lets the phrase hang in the air. "Actually, I don't want to sound pessimistic. There are more people playing jazz in this country than ever before. There's a lot of vitality around — it's just a question of which way it's going."

Virtually the whole of Balliett's working life has been spent on *The New Yorker*. A would-be literary critic, he was hired just weeks after graduating from Cornell in 1951. During that period he worked in various departments on the magazine, and began turning out polished "Talk of the Town" small features alongside such contemporaries as John Updike. By 1957 he was formally appointed as jazz critic, though he continued to write on other subjects.

The first of his lengthy profiles — the pieces for which he is probably best known — appeared in 1962. The subject, he recalls, was the clarinet player Pee Wee Russell. Since then the essays have been collected in three indispensable volumes, *American Musicians*, *American Singers* and *Barney, Bradley and Max*.

Philip Larkin once described him as "a writer who brings jazz journalism to the verge of poetry." But his work, it has to be said, is not to everyone's taste. Some complain that the sumptuous imagery and the flowing rhythms can be an end in themselves, obscuring the serious analysis.

Though Balliett has covered his share of household names, he enjoys seeking out musicians who have, for whatever reason, made a quiet living at the fringes. "The people that appeal to me are the ones who don't enjoy much popularity outside of jazz itself."

What about dislikes? Well, he has little time for late-period Bill Evans or Art Blakey and just about anything connected with hard bop, and he has never shared the general enthusiasm for Sarah Vaughan. In his early years he had few qualms about lambasting a bad performance in print. Since then he has mellowed somewhat: "You have to look at it from the musicians' point of view. Often they don't get paid more than the union minimum or they've been on the road. I once travelled with Duke Ellington's orchestra, for about five days, and I couldn't believe it. Jesus! You don't know where you are, you have no sense of time or place, you can't sleep right. How these guys do it for so long, I don't know."



Whitney Balliett: defined jazz as "the sound of surprise"

First lady of English literature



Aphra Behn is now revered for showing that women could live by their pens. Caroline Moore doubts her status as a feminist prophet

Aphra Behn is an attractive figure from the Restoration: not, perhaps, a major writer, but in many ways a typical good-humoured, impecunious, hedonistic professional scribbler from that convivially cut-throat literary world. An ex-spy; the prolific author of twenty or so lively but sprawling plays; the inventor of milk punch; a poet with a pleasantly undemanding line in erotic pastoral: none of these attributes would give the uninitiated a clue to the real source of recently revived interest, which is purely the accident of her sex. Aphra Behn was also the first professional woman writer.

Virginia Woolf began the modern cult, praising her "plebeian virtues of humour, vitality and courage", and asserting that "all women together ought to let flowers fall upon the tomb of Aphra Behn, for it was she who earned them the right to speak their minds." Behn was indeed attractively plucky; though she would not have thanked Woolf for calling her virtues plebeian. The unreliable posthumous *Life and Memoirs* of 1696 claims that she was a "gentlewoman"; she may in fact have been the daughter of a barber, but she was a convinced royalist and constant admirer of aristocratic values (and vices).

In 1663 she travelled with her father to Surinam, where he had been given a colonial post. Her father apparently died on the voyage out, and his family had to make their own way home. Some time in the next few years she married a Dutch or German merchant, "Mr Behn", from whom she seems to have gained little but her married name. Thrown on her own resources, she became a spy for Charles II in Antwerp, experienced the usual difficulty in extracting payment for her services, and was imprisoned for debt. From 1670 until her death in 1689 she bravely supported herself by her writing.

Mrs Behn was indeed a pioneer in her choice of career; but as a writer she is thoroughly a creature of her times. This is perfectly understandable, of course. It was tough enough for a woman to make her way in a masculine culture; and one should perhaps not expect her to have enough redundant energy, or genius, also to reshape its values. But modern feminists bringing flowers to her tomb may well drop them in culture shock *en route* through these republished works.

Penguin have collected together some of Aphra Behn's best-known works, edited by the admirable Janet Todd. *Oroonoko*, of course, looks at first glance promisingly radical: its hero is a noble black, tricked into slavery in Surinam. In modern, or even eighteenth century hands one might expect an indictment of racism, colonialism and slavery, with a few parallels to the female predicament thrown in.

OROONOKO, THE ROVER AND OTHER WORKS
By Aphra Behn
Edited by Janet Todd
Penguin Classics, £6.99 pbk

THE WORKS OF APHRA BEHN
Volume I
Edited by Janet Todd
Pickering and Chatto, £55

APHRA BEHN — DISPATCH'D FROM ATHOLE
By Ross Laidlaw
Balnain Books, £7.95 pbk

In fact, as Janet Todd points out, Behn is less interested in Oroonoko's blackness than his impeccably aristocratic credentials, which naturally include the heroic ability to fall in love in the grand manner — "for sure, great souls are most capable of that passion." Nor is Behn particularly innovative in creating a black hero. Heroic tragedies with Indian subjects had been highly fashionable for the past couple of decades, allowing exotic costumes and high-flown debate over "golden-age" nobility. (Dryden, indeed, first coined the phrase "the noble savage").

And Behn's *Oroonoko*, for all its fascinating detail, culled from her first-hand observations of Surinam, repeatedly succumbs to the conventions of this theatrical genre. Oroonoko himself spouts the sentimental rodomontade proper for a Restoration tragic hero: "'No, since I have sacrificed Imoinda to my revenge, shall I lose that glory which I have purchased so dear, as at the price of the fairest, dearest, softest creature that ever nature made? No, No!'" Nor, needless to say, is he at all politically correct. His "dearest, softest creature" is expected to offer "respect" to her husband "equal to what other people pay a deity": he is, moreover, a slave-owner himself.

The Rover, the best-known of Behn's plays, is also included. It contains one of Behn's songs celebrating the tuitional joys of rape:

> And with kind force he taught the virgin how
> To yield what all his sighs could never do.

Rape-celebrations in Behn's *oeuvre* outnumber the arguably more feminist poems in which the would-be lover is incapacitated by premature ejaculation.

The Rover himself is an exiled Cavalier, Willmore. As his name implies, he is a gallant of insatiably rampant sexual appetites, chasing after anything in a skirt, regardless of whether he has caught sight of her face, who nearly rapes his best friend's mistress when he comes across her in a dark garden. (Poor Florinda is nearly raped by two more of her future husband's friends in the next act.) Yet Willmore's putative charms are unquestioned; he lands the hero's reward of a rich, witty, cross-dressing virgin, Hellena; and Florinda forgives him and his co-offenders with singular speed and ease. *The Rover* is a lively and actable play; but it ought perhaps to offend modern moral arbiters as much as it did the Victorians — though it is none the worse for that.

The Widow Ranter, however, reminds one why Behn's reputation is not higher. Despite the presence of the vigorously punch-swilling Widow, who uses a sword as well as breeches to get her man, the play is infuriatingly shapeless.

The Penguin collection includes Behn's best poems; the first volume of *The Works of Aphra Behn* collects the whole corpus. Behn's favourite genre is florid pastoral, which is not always taut or original enough to grip. But her shepherds and shepherdesses regularly indulge in frank sensuality, reminiscent of Rochester without the animating tug of self-disgust; and her only religious poem is gloriously immodest. In "A Paraphrase to the Lords Prayer", the only "Trespass" that springs to her one-track mind is "Love, soft bewitching Love"; which, she confidently predicts, "will soonest be forgiven of God", since it is God's fault for making "the object lov'd so fa[i]r".

Behn is far too enjoyably immersed in the pleasures of this world to have any time for the hereafter. Her elegy on the death of Rochester is resolutely pagan: he "ne'ere shal rise from Deaths eternal Night", which is one in the eye for Bishop Burnet.

Aphra Behn is the heroine of Ross Laidlaw's improbable but readable novel, *Aphra Behn — Dispatch'd from Athole*. According to this "journal", Aphra Behn's death in 1689 was faked, to enable her to go spying again — this time reporting on the movements of the Jacobite rebel Bonnie Dundee. It is largely set in the mountainous wilds of my favourite part of Scotland; and Aphra's narrative voice is well-sustained. But Laidlaw never quite made me forget how unlikely it is that the Whigs could find no better spy than a sick Englishwoman, whose masculine disguise is an unnecessary complication, who cannot understand Gaelic, and whose heart has always been loyal to King James.

Caroline Moore was the first female fellow of Peterhouse



August Egg's "The Introduction of Pepys to Nell Gwyn" (1850), from *The Play of Personality in the Restoration Theatre* by Anthony Masters (Boydell Press, £19.95). These brief lives of dramatists, patrons and players are elegantly written, neither exhaustive nor exhausting, but with a fine unostentatious range of reading *(C. M.)*

Trying too hard for the great American novel

John Hawley

THE MAN WHO WAS LATE
By Louis Begley
Macmillan, £14.99

THE QUICK
By Agnes Rossi
Flamingo, £4.99

The title of Louis Begley's second novel *is* a pun. Not only is his protagonist dead, and his story told by the executor of his estate, but he also had considered himself notoriously tardy in his accomplishments in life, becoming a lawyer too late to impress his parents, neglecting to declare his intentions to his sweetheart until she has given up and moved on. In this theme, in the novel's love affair with continental Europe, and in its circumspect examination of what is *not* said by characters, the novel calls to mind Henry James.

The novelist that irisistently comes to mind, however, is Danielle Steele. Begley's locations are wonderfully romantic, and we would not be surprised to turn a corner and bump into Robin Leach. The women are named Odile and Veronique; in their dress of "red *crêpe de chine* with a pattern of smug, cream-coloured Buddhas", they laugh their "crystal laughter" in their Montorgueil château and suffer the "profound, paralysing lassitude" we have come to expect from their ilk. Begley is clearly after something more than mere entertainment here: he wants to write *The Great Gatsby*.

Unfortunately, that has already been done and more simply. The novel itself, and not just its protagonist, is late. Worldly-wise and diverting in its tendency to offer a recipe for *feijoada completa* and the protocol for French deer hunting within a few paragraphs, the novel poses the reader the same difficulty that plagues the protagonist: as we Americans put it, we miss the forest for the trees. We follow Ben's progress through Harvard law school and into the halls of financial power; we read from his journal and hear of his love affairs; we intuit his psychological collapse after his betrayal of the one woman he actually loved. We sense, too, the importance of Ben's choice of *taqlid* over *ijtihad*: the application of precedents as opposed to the creation of something new. But far more space is devoted to an enthralled description of the baubles which that choice has amassed. This is disappointing after Begley's first novel, *Wartime Lies*, which won two fiction prizes.

Agnes Rossi's *The Quick*, in its lean prose style, has pared away all distractions and honestly sets before the reader men and women naked to the truth. This collection of ten short stories sparkles with little gems of memory, incidents in the lives of unpretentious characters who could be members of our families, people with whom we work, or that individual sitting across from us on the tube.

The title story, actually a novella, weaves two unrelated deaths into a beautiful examination of the clarifying effect that mortality can have in human relationships. Another story, "Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner", hilariously examines the progress and dissolution of a love affair that literally was based, as becomes increasingly obvious from one meal to the next, on "appetite". Whether it is a tale of a young girl tasting the danger of flirtation, a man reflecting on the price that has been paid in marrying a much younger woman, or a dying cancer patient's careful discrimination between the joy of morphine and the boredom of novocaine, Rossi stops, looks, and listens. So does the reader — gladly.

Curtain call legends, from Monteverdi to Pavarotti

Cyril Ehrlich

THE NEW GROVE DICTIONARY OF OPERA
Volumes I-IV
Edited by Stanley Sadie
Macmillan, £550

Like another family which has recently become accustomed to scrutiny, the Groves are extensive, expensive and regal. Premature appraisal of a splendiferous newcomer to the family is ringed by special constraints, for it is commonly accepted that big reference books, even of lesser pedigree, cannot be truly assessed on short acquaintance. Few come bigger than Grove's 5,000 plus double-columned pages, backed by huge investment with expectations of returns over many years, written by an army of experts, processed with state-of-the-art information technology by the best editors in the business, and overseen by a master.

Nor can one presume upon earlier familiarity. Most of the material is new — Stanley Sadie reckons 80-90 per cent — so there can be no reliance upon previous encounters with the 20-volume *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* and its spinoffs. Capitulation is therefore to be advised, solemn or jokey, but with due reverence to a cultural icon, and perhaps a little nitpicking.

For once it is not too difficult to grovel to Grove. So many important things are done so well that preliminary browsing mostly inspires confidence; and "postits" have been liberally applied as reminders to return for months of reading. The illustrations are rich and profuse, with marvellous attention to costume, production, theatre architecture, even seating. Composer entries balance scholarship and readability better than ever before: sometimes with massive authority, as in Verdi and Rossini, usually with plenty of detail but exemplary economy. Even Wagner is not smothered by verbiage: enthusiasm is rekindled for Mozart after the overkill of 1991; and Britten returns to decent respect.

A sampling of individual operas indicates similar care in outlining story and music but also, at best, with critical insight which is genuinely stimulating. Bizet gets by without the latest trend in feminist revisionism, but a huge discussion of "libretto" contains gripping stuff on *Carmen*. Where else will you learn that her heroic music contradicts Merimée's Greek couplet, proclaiming that "woman is excrement; she has two good hours, one on her marriage bed and the other at her death"?

The Russians are brilliantly surveyed in a series of pathbreaking articles from one learned pen, on Mussorgsky, Tchaikovsky, Stravinsky, *Boris Godunov* and *The Rake*. Chabrier and Fauré leap to the eye, and the Czechs are treated with an expertise and enthusiasm which matches developments in taste.

There can be few more congenial and rewarding places to seek guidance before visiting, say, the ENO's *Broucek*. Additional help is provided in an ingenious appendix which locates role names. Broucek and Malinka are here, but Violetta can also be pinned down easily, not just with Alfredo and his dad, but in Mercadente's *Il bravo*: and six different Walters are variously spelt and sorted out. By comparison, the recent Oxford *Dictionary of Opera*, ideal for brief reference at a mere £25, gives the Janáček plot (and performance history), but recognises only Verdi's frail lady and Wagner's solitary Walther.

There are examples of "post-modernist" contact with the realities of popular taste. We may now admire Gershwin and Sondheim, and even Lloyd Webber is given respectful scrutiny. Kurt Weill is also allowed to "have become a pervasive cultural force" in an essay which, along with the discussion of *Street Scene*, represents a substantial advance in reassessing genius. But comprehensiveness also necessitates giving space to the tired old *avant garde*. John Cage's follies get one and a half columns, and there are three devoted to "one of the finest American composers of dramatic music ... essential to any understanding of what American opera is or can be". Harry Partch's big theatre work *The Bewitched* contains but a single word: "Bah!"

Sometimes less inane, but always more damaging, is the monstrous regiment of producers, inevitably here in force, with individual entries — Berghaus, Sellars, *et al* — along with a rather pious account of their art. Conductors and singers, whose previous hegemony they were allowed to supersede — we might have been told more about how and why — raise more interesting problems. Their inconsistent levels of treatment probably arise less from the abilities of individual contributors than from the diverse quality of foundation upon which a reference book must build. Toscanini, Furtwängler, and particularly Klemperer, benefit from the excellence of published biographies: Beecham is less fortunate. A Panglossian essay on "the conductor" lacks sufficient backing from modern scholarship.

Some entries for singers avoid similarly demonstrable evidence of decline — compare Wagner casting over the last half-century — but here the difficulties may lie deeper. How does one provide consistent assessment of those who can and cannot be heard on record; and how avoid parochialism of time and location, calming groupie excess and adjective spinning, yet retaining some sense of the excitement which, for all low- and some highbrows, provides the essential buzz of opera?

One solution is to get a John Steane or Desmond Shawe-Taylor to do the writing. The latter's immaculate portraits of such great artists as Supervia, Callas and Lehmann are mostly reprints from *New Grove*, sometimes with a different photograph or even, curiously, none; but he also contributes a new and indispensable essay on recording. Another welcome device is the coverage of voice types and a piece on "ornamentation" which awaits careful reading.

But problems remain when entries become pedestrian. Who will understand Jenny Lind without her sanctimonious, opera-denying, quintessentially Victorian drawing power? Or Malibran without her ravishments and Garlandesque death-wish, mesmerising artistic Europe and lining Manchester's streets for her funeral?

The editor who seeks omniscience has many tasks: finding room for the lunatic and the dull; balancing enthusiasm and academic correctness; making endless decisions about allocations of space. He must also come to terms with gaps in scholarship and sensibility: by cutting his losses, which rarely seems to happen, trying to commission gap-fillers, or vamping till ready, a necessary weakness.

So "copyright" is arid and legalistic, and performing right gets no mention, despite the economic transformation of the music business wrought by changes in intellectual property. Nor do many of the town entries suggest that musicology is much concerned yet with urban history. Since opera is an urban art, it is pleasant to observe such exceptions as the articles on Paris and 18th-century London. The gap-filler's art is demonstrated with virtuosity in a brief "Sociology of Opera", which, despite its offputting label, even has a shot at explaining how we got here.

For that is surely the strangest thing: a nation which closed its opera houses for ballroom dancing is now obsessed by the art. So Grove may attract all sorts of patronage which was inconceivable when Kobbé's *Complete Opera Book* went through its various editions from 1922 to 1954.

Some readers will return from our various opera houses (several built by Matcham, who does not rate an entry: he is noticed in Belfast and Buxton, but not at the London Coliseum), bewildered by a producer's whim and clutching naive political tracts or designer scrapbooks which masquerade expensively as programmes. Others will have purchased ill-documented CDs and videos, and need more assistance than was freely available in the days of "black discs".

Apart from price and bulk they may be alarmed by a supernumerary hallmark of Grove scholarship: gargantuan bibliographies, arranged by date of publication without distinction between seminal work and pedantic footnote. Such trappings will feed the PhD industry, but should not deter a new generation of opera lovers from enlightenment which, in most other respects, is user-friendly.

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Seeing through Mr Britling

A new life of Wells shows a man driven by dark forces, but Peter Ackroyd still admires his genius



H. G. Wells and the cast of the 1935 film *Things to Come*: he feared mankind would destroy itself

THE INVISIBLE MAN
The Life and Liberties of H. G. Wells
By Michael Coren
Bloomsbury, £20

This is the history of a self-made man, a writer who struggled out of poverty to leave his mark upon the moving age: it is also an account of a philanderer and anti-Semite who, according to the available evidence, held very peculiar ideas about genetic purity. Of course it is hard to think of any author, living or dead, who would seem immediately likeable; writing comes out of conflict, or detachment, or obsession, and good taste has very little to do with it. It can hardly be stressed too often that the good writer is rarely, if ever, a good man — and only the vagaries of the literary humanism once taught in universities would lead anyone to believe that "moral values" are to be found in literature. De Sade, after all, was a better writer than Martin Tupper.

But to what side of that balance does H. G. Wells incline? Certain salient facts are worth considering before venturing any judgment upon him. His parents were servants, and he began adult life as a shop assistant; no one knew as vividly as Wells the empty drudgery and limited possibilities of lower-middle-class life, which was why he spent all of his own time in reading, in absorbing, in learning. This fervent acquisition of knowledge was in part no more than the prompting of instinct — the instinct to be free — and the pleasures of science and literature were part of his more general aspiration for advancement.

But he had both the determination, and the ambition, to break out of the grey mist in which he found himself. There is nothing more satisfying than the spectacle of a young writer shaping his life with the powers of will and talent, and in fact these are some of the most memorable and intriguing passages in Michael Coren's continually interesting biography.

Wells came to London in 1884, having won a national examination to attend the Normal School of Science in Kensington. He began to write for magazines; he taught; he even got married. But then he was blessed by that good fortune which even the most talented artist requires: W. E. Henley bought for his *New Review* the story which eventually became *The Time Machine*. Wells was only 28 years old, but within the next two years he also finished *The War of the Worlds*, *The Island of Dr Moreau* and *The Invisible Man*.

It was an extraordinary achievement, and one that points to the genius and the significance of Wells. He was one of those genuine writers who also manage to be bestsellers because they divine something at the root of the popular imagination (Daphne du Maurier and Jules Verne are two others) and who as a result create enduring fables of contemporary life.

And then Coren comes, as any biographer must, to the private life. It is not a happy or particularly elevating story, since Wells's formidable will and energy were then directed towards the conquest of women rather than words. But much can be forgiven of one from whom so much has come, and it is debatable whether his personal disabilities and emotional shortcomings should seriously affect any judgment of his artistic abilities.

Nevertheless his private idiosyncracies must have played a large part in forming what some contemporaries called his "pernicious and wicked" views on social matters. On such subjects as eugenics and scientific totalitarianism, Arthur Conan Doyle was moved to describe his work as "vile and villainous". There is here a clear connection between his driven life and his angry writing: the general themes of Wells's social philosophy, described by Coren as "death, followed by resurrection, followed by obsessive organisation", sound remarkably like a haunted resumé of his own thrusting life.

He was a great novelist, not a great philosopher, and his central mistake was to believe that both aspects of his writing were somehow of equal value. Of course it is not simply his own mistake, and even in our time there are writers who like to consider themselves as leaders of opinion or significant contributors to public debate. The truth is that a butcher, or a postman, is likely to be a better judge of contemporary social issues; the opinions of the writer, in particular, tend to be fatally flawed by aesthetic attitudinising or intellectual incompetence.

Wells suffered from the first of these faults and seemed always to be the prisoner of the frustration, and the rage of mediocrity, which he suffered as a youth. In many respects, as Coren notes, Wells remained a child; even at the height of his success, one can see the lineaments of the depressed and helpless adolescent. That is why he was driven — driven to succeed, driven to write, with all his restless and unstable energy spilling over into his frantic sexual adventures where perhaps another form of infantile consolation could be found.

Coren is not blind to Wells's faults but, despite a slightly apologetic preface, his depiction of them does not mitigate the truth of his account. This is an elegantly written biography, touching as it does upon the sources of Wells's creativity and upon that darkness which may lie at the centre of even the most luminous or brilliant writing. It succeeds in conveying the energy which suffused him, the energy which lifted him out of poverty and which eventually reinforced what might have been a rather shallow or easily exhausted genius. He knew as much himself and, despite his predilection for somewhat grandiose social abstractions, he was capable of very particular self-analysis: "... a driving quality that holds my instabilities together. I have more drive than strength, and little patience..." But this is what saved him, and what gives his best writing its enduring power.

A princess goes P. C. shooting

Philip Howard

SEX, ART AND AMERICAN CULTURE
By Camille Paglia
Viking, £16.99

Here is a rum book indeed from the stormy petrella of American Academe, dancing with derision over the intellectually correct and only doing it to annoy because she knows it teases, or at any rate gets her name into the papers. Camille Paglia made her name with *Sexual Personae*, her vast, argumentative, dodgy but impressive reinterpretation of Western culture from prehistory down to the end of the 19th century. She finished writing it in 1981, but it was turned down by seven major New York publishers, until Yale University Press recognised its unfashionable merits two years ago, just as Paglia herself had been kept out of the posh universities and forced to teach in art school.

She is the daughter of Italian Catholic immigrants: chippy, clever and a butcher of sacred cows. For instance, her hero(in)es include, not necessarily in this order, Madonna, Freud, Oscar Wilde, Elizabeth Taylor, homosexuals, one persona of Jung, and Robert Mapplethorpe. Her hates include Derrida, Lévi-Strauss, Foucault and the other French trendies who were fashionable in American scholarship in the Seventies and Eighties, the intellectual Establishment, and whingeing anti-male feminists.

Her most famous sentence, which she quotes again in this book, runs: "If civilisation had been left in female hands, we would still be living in grass huts." Here, on Germaine Greer: "What *happened* to her? After three years, she turned into this drone, this whining, 'Woe is me, all the problems of the world!' Something went wrong with feminism." And: "American feminism's nosedive began when Kate Millett, that imploding beanbag of poisonous self-pity, declared Freud a sexist." Young women who complain about date-rape are naive whingers ignorant of the dangerous glory of sex.

It is not necessary, or wise, to agree with all of this. Paglia considers Augustus one of the greatest men in history. Another view is of a mean-minded apparatchik gangster who got lucky, not a patch on his grand-uncle, J. Caesar, who really was one of the great masculine, sweaty men Paglia lusts after. She thinks of Elizabeth Taylor as the greatest actress in film history. I saw her Cleopatra as a Woolworth's shop assistant in her Maidenform bra, and am glad I do not sit next to Paglia in the cinema, because she screams her approval.

This collection of cold journalistic cabbages reheated, radio interviews, texts of seminars, and cartoons of Paglia would not have been made into a book if she had not become the *femme terrible* of the American media. Some of her sacred cows are made of straw, in this country, and increasingly in the United States. She is absurdly chesty about her sudden celebrity, and extravagantly way-out in her neo-conservatism and anti-feminism. But she is a good polemical journalist as well as an interesting scholar, worth reading even in this patchy collection as an antidote to received wisdom.

As we go to press the publishers, Viking, have just announced that they are recalling Camille Paglia's Sex, Art and American Culture *from bookshops for rejackering. Readers may have to wait until March 25, when the book will be reissued, to obtain a copy.*

The man in the Marshal's iron mask





Two faces of Tito: (left) as secretary of the Zagreb communists in 1928 when, aged 36, he was jailed for five years; (right) as marshal of the partisans in 1944, aged 52

Colin Welch

TITO
Yugoslavia's Great Dictator
By Stevan K. Pavlowitch
C. Hurst, £19.50/£6.95pbk

Was our controversial war hero Tito really Tito? Or did he replace an earlier Tito, purged perhaps by Stalin? Did that earlier Tito, as I have heard, have a missing thumb? If so, his replacement didn't. Was Tito the illegitimate son of a Count, or a Hungarian Jew or a freemason or even a woman, as Evelyn Waugh suggested? Did he secretly go to Spain in the Civil War, there ruthlessly to purge dissidents, perhaps to be purged himself? Did he have 20 women, three acknowledged, 17 not, and generate 19 natural children?

Stevan Pavlowitch notes without endorsing nearly all these alluring rumours, and passes on with an enigmatic smile. He claims to have read all the books of substance, most of the trash too. He has not delved into the archives, some accessible, most not. He admits Tito is still a mystery to him.

Some such bafflement, if disappointing, is perhaps excusable when dealing with a man or woman who used some 70 known aliases, who extruded no less than eight versions of what he'd done in Stalin's purges, who suppressed or falsified or invented great chunks of his life, who "removed" all those who'd known him in youth and surrounded himself with young adorers, who once returned to his native village where "no one knew him any longer". By 1979 some of Pavlowitch's students — he teaches Balkan history at Southampton University — didn't know Tito either, had never even heard of him. This is surely a grim comment on modern students rather than on the transitory nature of Tito's fame.

Pavlowitch eschews moral judgments. A pity, perhaps. Such judgments tell us something about both judged and judge. Yet Pavlowitch's modest honesty persuades us that what he does tell us is true. So does his text, only about a hundred pages long. It never suggests a chancer writing at the edge of his knowledge, or beyond it. It suggests rather a scholar concerned not to eke out but to compress.

From the fog, what sort of Tito emerges? What drove him on, obsessed him, made him tick? An easier question — who or what *gave* him tick? Answer: the whole western world, convinced that he was preferable and inconvenient to Stalin — neither of which did he intend to be, far from it. All the cash was blued, leaving Yugoslavia as miserably poor as ever.

No sort of nationalism, according to Pavlowitch, fired Tito, neither Croat nor Yugoslav. (We owe incidentally to Croatia, among other things, the word "cravat"). Tito's youthful background was in general pro-Habsburg. Yes, even Socialists in Croatia feared the disintegration of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire, something in their view worth preserving and socialising. They were in a way patriots for Franz Josef. Tito fought in the Austro-Hungarian army, initially against Serbia, was promoted, considered for a medal, wounded and taken prisoner by the Russians, who treated him with lazy indulgence — all facts later suppressed or distorted.

Tito's mother tongue was part Croatian *patois*, part Slovenian. This was overlaid by other languages he picked up on his travels, so that many doubted whether he was a Yugoslav at all.

Yugoslavia's disastrous nationalisms were in Marxist eyes (and Tito's) created and fomented by the old order. Communist rule would sweep them all away. As we see, alas, it didn't. Pavlowitch does blame the communist tyranny for preventing or suppressing all integrative forces and developments which fell outside its own ideological control. He means the free market, culture, democracy, religion and so on, though not all these benign factors have invariably worked for harmony, least of all in Yugoslavia.

If not nationalism, then what inspired Tito? Was it Marxist ideology, of which he knew little but to which he held firmly nonetheless, knowing even less about anything else? For the ills of Marxism he prescribed more of the same, the hair of the rabid dog.

Was it revolutionary zeal? Pavlowitch suggests that in Tito's case "personal ambition led to revolutionary zeal, rather than the other way round." Was it thirst for blood, of which Tito shed plenty? Pavlowitch acquits him of "terror for its own sake". Tito accepted terror only as "an effective weapon if integrated in an overall plan". Ah, but has not terror, even if apparently purposeless, nonetheless a purpose? It demonstrates that the terroriser is, like Stalin, above pity and reason, a man never to be crossed. Was it greed for power and the good things of life, a determination to seize, augment and retain them at all costs? We are perhaps getting warmer.

Highly suggestive is Pavlowitch's portrait of the young Tito. We see him leaving home to better himself. His mother wanted him to be a priest. He preferred "better dressed callings" such as waiter or policeman. Were Yugoslav waiters, then, better dressed than priests? He moved from job to job, attended technical evening classes, popular with employers and teachers. He was determined to eat and dress well. Unlike the young Hitler, he adored Vienna, uniforms, officers, cafés with music, pornographic films and all. He learnt to waltz, ski and fence, thought several times of going to America, there to become a millionaire. Were these the natural aspirations of a young revolutionary? Did Dostoyevsky's Devils waltz, fence and ski?

Equally suggestive are Pavlowitch's notes on the mature Tito, his ambitions by then achieved. By 1947 he had 25 residences, by 1974 32. Three "health complexes" were added. He threw hunts and banquets for hundreds of guests. He had a personal Blue Train, two Adriatic and two Danube yachts, safari parks, hunting and fishing preserves, a museum and a zoo to house his loot, resplendant uniforms and medals which made Goering look like the man from the Pru. How many American millionaires could rival this? When an old man achieves what in youth he admired and coveted, need we look much further for his life's motive? Admittedly, Tito took a hazardous and tortuous route from rags to riches, *per ardua ad astra*. May we not reasonably suspect that his political, military and ideological ploys, twists, vagaries and obsessions, momentous and tragic as they were for thousands of others, were for him mere way stations on the road to fame and fortune?

As I read Pavlowitch, a mysterious face often intruded itself between me and Tito. It was the face of Robert Maxwell, another ambiguous war hero. The parallels are many, weird and astonishing.

Language, truth and longing

Derwent May

ONE OF THE FAMILY
By Wendy W. Fairey
Norton, £15.95

The author of this book is a hitherto unknown daughter of the philosopher Sir Alfred Ayer. Even she did not know the truth about her paternity until four years ago, when she was already a woman of 46.

Her mother, the Hollywood gossip columnist Sheilah Graham, had recently died. Mrs Fairey, as our author was by now called, had the identity of her natural father revealed to her after a dinner party in New York at which she was arranging her mother's memorial meeting. Her informant was Dee Wells, a former wife of Ayer's who was just about to marry him again.

The situation was very typical of Ayer's life. For most of his adult years, his superlative clarity of mind was only matched by his inextricably tangled relationships with women.

For Mrs Fairey, the revelation was a shock, yet not an entirely unwelcome one. Her own legal father was an Englishman who had hardly ever lived with her mother after they were married, and whom the young Wendy scarcely knew, though she had not seriously doubted that she was his daughter. On the other hand, she had met Ayer on visits to London as a child, and he had always been particularly nice to her — he gave her a copy of *Tess of the D'Urbevilles* which she treasured.

The prospect loomed of having, in place of an absentee, a famous father who would be "gracious and intellectual" — an entrancing idea to this bookish woman who had never admired her mother's Hollywood world, and had eventually become a university teacher. She felt as if she was becoming "a princess in a fairy-tale".

She began, nevertheless, by doing some detective work. In her baby-book she found a reference to a silver porringer given her by Freddie Ayer on her first Christmas Day. Then she tracked down her mother's correct wedding date — which would have made her an eight-month child. A photograph of Ayer at 40 in his autobiography bore a striking resemblance to one of her at 40. It was all coming together. Dee Wells, now in France with Ayer, raised the subject with him — and in February 1989 Mrs Fairey received from Ayer what was for her, essentially, a four-word letter: "I am your father".

She tells this story of the excitement and the sleuthing very well, and she tells the story of what happened next even better. Now she was swept up in this drama of her fathering. But Freddie, though willing enough to acknowledge her, remained quite detached from the whole series of events. When she arrived at his house in London in April he kissed her on both cheeks, gave her a little quiz about her knowledge of Jane Austen, and went upstairs.

She attended the wedding of Freddie and Dee, but scarcely felt a member of the wedding at all. When Freddie spoke of what had drawn him and Sheilah Graham together when they met in New York in 1941, he was characteristically brisk: "Just mutual physical attraction, I suppose."

Of course, Ayer was by now old and ill — the previous year he had died, clinically, for a few moments, and wrote his famous newspaper article about the red light he saw when he was "dead". But those many people in London who knew him will recognise the accuracy of his daughter's description of him.

There were also scores, of course, to settle with her mother, who had lied to her all her life. A long section in the middle of the book worries away at the question of what Sheilah Graham was really like, but this is not so successful. Vignettes of her mother glimmer in and out of Mrs Fairey's mental wrestlings — especially the story of her mother's love-affair, before she met Ayer, with Scott Fitzgerald — but she is both too near to her mother and too self-preoccupied to see her clearly.

Eight weeks after his newly-acknowledged daughter's visit to him in England, Ayer really died. "My history as Freddie's daughter is the story of what didn't happen, the relationship I didn't have," she writes. She is finally forced to recognise that both her father and her mother were in fact monstrous egoists. Yet she is not sorry. They were exceptional people, and, to her continuing amazement, she is the daughter of them *both*. "To know this," she concludes, "makes me somehow more securely myself". It has also enabled her at last to write her own book — and it is a genuinely fascinating one.

Young golfers in Tour spotlight

Payne and Evans hoping to justify high expectations

FROM MEL WEBB IN SANTA CRUZ, MADEIRA

THE PGA European Tour season starts here today and with it hope springs again in the breasts of the great, the good and the merely hopeful alike.

The Madeira Island Open, with its £250,000 prize fund, would, in all honesty, be little more than an ordinary, unassuming, run-of-the-mill Tour event were it not the first tournament of the season. The time is not right, and the weather not yet warm enough, to tempt the leaders of the pack to stretch their backs and leave their lairs.

Most of them are hardly ever seen outside their front doors in January, never mind on a golf course.

There are still one or two grizzled and canny old-timers limbering up on the pretty little Portuguese island's only golf course, but it is perhaps the bright young men who are still cutting their teeth on the professional circuit who provide the most interesting studies.

There they were on the practice ground, hitting, a little self-consciously in some cases, bucket after bucket of balls, while at the same time admiring from a respectful distance their senior colleagues going through their well-oiled routines.

Men such as Mark James, Sam Torrance, and Gordon Brand Jr, all present here, are still players of the present, as is Eamonn Darcy, who had to pull out of the event yesterday with a sore back.

Brian Barnes, at 47 the oldest player in the field, would not mind being described as a golfer of the past, memorable though it has been. All have performed mighty deeds, and some will achieve more before they hang up their spikes for the last time. And so to the future. Where are the men who will take over where their elders leave off? Well, if the present crop of young players who are making their names on one of the toughest training grounds in the world game are anything to go by, the future of European golf is in safe hands.

The brightest of the bunch are two Englishmen, Jim Payne and Gary Evans, who are widening their experience this week by playing here, and a Swede, Robert Karlsson, who has decided to stay at home in Katrineholm, in the frozen north.

Payne, 22, and Evans, 23, were fellow members of the Walker Cup team as recently as 1991. But when they turned professional for the start of last season, they turned off the kinship faucet, and got stuck into a season-long battle for the coveted rookie-of-the-year award.

Payne finished 33rd in the order of merit, two places in front of Evans, and took the title by £2,106.64. When you consider that the pair won a total of nearly £295,000 last year, it underlines the closeness of the competition. They are good friends still, which would be understandable but for the fact that their personalities are, on the face of it, about as compatible as the filling in a cheese and raspberry jelly sandwich.



Evans: extrovert

Payne is a long, lean, and dark Lincolnshire man, who prefers to let his golf speak for him. Evans, small, compact and aggressively blond, is an extrovert from Worthing who is prepared to talk for hours.

Both love the game: it is just that you learn of Evans's passion within ten seconds of meeting him. With Payne, it might take you weeks, or even months.

They now approach what could be one of the most vital seasons of their careers. They have started brilliantly, but now they must prove that they were not just one-season wonders. Both, one feels, have the quality to pass the test with drums beating and flags flying.

Karlsson is another matter. At 23, the 6ft 3in Swede has been a professional for three years, but 1992 was his first full season.

He finished 22nd in the money-list, claimed six top-ten finishes, and, most notably, tied for fifth place in the Open Championship at Muirfield. He has the stamina, the skill, and, like all his compatriots, the tenacity to make a real impact on the game.

There are other brave young Turks on the Tour, from places as far apart as Sydney, Australia and Trinidad. Some of them will fail, come late autumn; some will succeed beyond their wildest dreams. Whatever else happens, none of them will forget the start of it all on a hilly and beautiful golf course on an island in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean.

STEPHEN LINE



Holding court: Beeson compiled a fine record at the national championships

Beeson provides shining example for young players

Colin McQuillan on the national squash championships starting today and the chances of a fresh young talent emerging

IT IS, perhaps, appropriate that Bryan Beeson should be absent from the men's field for the English national squash championships starting today at the Village Leisure Hotel in Cheadle, near Manchester. Weakened by withdrawals, it boasts only one top-ten player and five from the national top 20. The stage is set for another Beeson to come forth.

Beeson, 32, who has quietly distanced himself from the boycott of the men's championship by the British Squash Professionals' Association, is embroiled in a new career in medical sales.

His record in national championships is extraordinary. Having emerged unseeded from the northern county leagues in 1984 to reach the final against Geoff Williams, he went on to win against Mark Maclean in the 1986 British closed final, reached the 1989 final against Del Harris and the 1992 final against Peter Marshall. He has lost in earlier rounds only to players on their way to the finals.

In that first appearance, he travelled to Sheffield intending only to take part in the first weekend at the last national championships staged entirely on club courts. Beeson, then a hospital engineer from Gateshead, went on round by round, begging extra leave from his employers after each victory, to lay the foundations for a fine international career.

Many in today's men's field at Cheadle can take inspiration from Beeson's 1984 breakthrough, which saw him go on to the England captaincy.

Even with Philip Whitlock, England captain and ranked No. 4 nationally, a clear favourite after his acceptance of the compromise offered by the Squash Rackets Association (SRA) over prize-money and selection criteria that triggered the boycott, there still seems room for new careers to take off.

Whitlock's early problems might come from the unexpected return of Gawain Briars, six times a national finalist and twice a winner, who, after taking a law degree at the age of 34, has returned to the game with a daily dose of high-level social squash.

But Briars must first deal with Nick Taylor, a rising talent from Cumbria who, with Mark Challoner, of Lincolnshire, and Gary Thwaite, of Cumbria, will have aims of at least a semi-final place.

Berkshire's experienced Martin Bodimeade is seeded for the final place from the bottom half of the draw but, aged 29 and virtually a part-time player, he may give way, at progressive stages, to Justin Rennie, of Cheshire, Mark Allen, of Essex, or Paul Lord, of Cheshire.

The women's final is scheduled to come down to Cassandra Jackman against Lisa Opie. The doughty champion, Sue Wright, of Kent, will have something to say against Opie, however, and Suzanne Horner, of Yorkshire, a finalist in the past two years, will be keen to test the teenage England No. 1 in the semi-finals.

Martine Le Moignan, 30, the former world champion and England No. 3, is the only leading woman who has not entered.

Meanwhile, the SRA announced yesterday that Fin Rackets will sponsor the 1994 and 1995 national championships to the level of £100,000, with the prize fund next year set at a minimum of £20,000.

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Temporary waste sites controlled

Regina v Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parte London Waste Regulation Authority and Others
Berkshire County Council v Scott

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Auld and Mr Justice Laws

[Judgment December 21]

The prohibition against depositing and disposing of controlled waste in section 3(1) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 applied not only to waste which was in its final resting place but also to waste which was on the site temporarily.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in (i) granting an application by London Waste Regulation Authority for judicial review of a decision of Miss Jennings, Wells Street Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, not to commit the defendants, Baseswift Ltd and David Andrew Taylor, to stand trial in respect of alleged offences under section 3(1)(b) of the Act and (ii) allowing an appeal by way of case stated by Berkshire County Council against a decision of Bracknell Justices to quash a notice issued by the council under section 16 of the Act requiring *Reginald James Scott and Alan* Scott to remove controlled waste from their land which had been deposited there in contravention of section 3(1).

Section 3 provides: "(1) Except in prescribed cases, a person shall not — (a) deposit controlled waste on any land or cause or knowingly permit controlled waste to be deposited on any land; or *(b)* use any plant or equipment . . . for the purpose of disposing of controlled waste or of dealing in a prescribed manner with controlled waste, unless the land . . . is occupied by the holder of a licence . . ."

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr James Findlay for the London Waste Regulation Authority; Lord Hooson, QC and Mr Graham Brodie for the respondents; Mr Simon Readhead for Berkshire; the Scots did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the judgment of the court, said that both cases raised the question whether section 3(1) had any application in a case where the acts complained of related to waste which was not in its final resting place but was for one reason or another to be transferred to another site.

In holding that the section did not apply in such circumstances, both magistrates courts founded on the decision of the Divisional Court in *Leigh Land Reclamation Ltd v Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council (The Times* November 2, 1990).

The judgments in that case necessarily required the court to decide whether that case was correctly decided.

Lord Justice Bingham had there said: "This statute is concerned, primarily at least, with the manner in which waste is disposed of. Its provisions, and the conditions in the licence, are directed towards the mode of final disposal and not to the intermediate processes. For the purposes of this Act, waste is, in my view, to be regarded as deposited when it is dumped on the site with no realistic prospect of further examination or inspection to reject goods of which deposit is not allowed under the licence."

That passage was, in the judgment of the court, the *ratio decidendi* of that case on the point in question and was couched in general terms such that, if it was correct, it concluded the issue in both of the proceedings before the court in favour of the respondents.

The basis on which the court would be entitled to depart from it appeared from *R v Greater Manchester Coroner, Ex parte Tal* ([1985] QB 67) and was that the court had to be convinced that the decision was wrong.

The court had no doubt that the policy of the 1974 Act was to regulate operations having substantial consequences for the local environment, nor that a case for the application of section 3(1)(a) arose where waste was being permanently deposited. But the court could not see why that should be the only case.

Suppose a situation where a substantial quantity of waste was dumped on an area of land with the firm intention that it be removed elsewhere after a period of days or weeks; that there was no licence in force and that the activity in question did not fall foul of any provision in Schedule 5 to the Collection and Disposal of Waste Regulations (SI 1988 No 819).

The court could not escape the conclusion that on Lord Justice Bingham's reasoning there would be no offence under section 3(1)(a), and if that was right, no basis could be discerned on which the court should hold that Parliament intended to create such a lacuna in the environmental protection afforded by the statute.

It was submitted that whatever might be said of the use of the word "deposit" in section 3(1)(a) the term "dispose of" in section 3(1)(b) imported a final disposal. Why should that be so? An article might be regarded as disposed of if it was destroyed or if it was passed on from one person to another: the ordinary sense of the term, certainly in a context such as that of the Act, rested in the notion of getting rid of something. It had no more to do with finding a final resting place than had the word "deposit" in section 3(1)(a).

There was no reference to section 4(3) of the Act in the judgment in *Leigh*. But that section seemed to add a further and conclusive obstacle to the respondents' submissions as it necessarily contemplated that "deposits . . . of . . . a . . . temporary nature" would not be excluded from the section 3(1)(a) prohibition absent a prescription in regulations made by the secretary of state providing for such an exclusion.

Regulation 14 of the Control of Pollution (Special Waste) Regulations (SI 1980 No 1709), cited to the court in *Leigh*, did not offer any basis for concluding that section 3 was only concerned with permanent deposits or disposals.

Turning to the second arm of section 3(1)(b), which prohibited dealing in a "prescribed manner" with controlled waste. In so far as the regulations offered any legitimate aid to the construction of the statute, which was questionable, it was clear from regulation 8 of and Schedule 5 to the 1988 Regulations that the subordinate legislator had prescribed activities which related to waste held on a temporary basis.

Thus the second arm of section 3(1)(b), as given content by the secretary of state's regulations contemplated means of dealing with waste which, expressly, was to be transferred elsewhere.

For all those reasons the court felt compelled to conclude in principle that section 3(1) was not concerned only with final deposits or disposals. To hold otherwise would involve an unnecessary erosion of the efficacy of the Act which was as much concerned with the environmental damage that might be caused by a waste transfer station as with the effects created on or by a site where the waste reached its final resting place.

Since the court could not escape the conclusion that the decision in *Leigh* was to the contrary, the court was driven to hold that it was wrongly decided.

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Challenge to process was not committal proceeding

Regina v Worcester Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Leavesley and Others

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Pill

[Judgment December 21]

Examining justices had not commenced committal proceedings, despite having heard argument as to abuse of process, where the prosecution had not opened the case, no witnesses had been called and no other step pertinent to the committal of the case for trial had taken place.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, dismissing an application by Ian Leavesley, Paul Lester and Philip Bell for a writ of *certiorari to quash* the decision of Bruce Morgan, stipendiary magistrate, at Worcester Magistrates' Court on July 4, 1991 to hear committal proceedings in relation to alleged offences of fraudulent trading, contrary to section 458 of the Companies Act 1985.

Mr Jonathan Goldberg, QC and Mr Nicholas Fooks for the applicants; Mr John M. T. Rogers, QC and Mr Rupert Overbury for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that the applicants appeared before justices for an old fashioned committal. However, the prosecution had no witnesses at court and could not proceed.

The applicants submitted that the proceedings should be stayed as an abuse of process. The justices rejected that submission and adjourned the matter.

Subsequently, the applicants were told that a stipendiary magistrate had been appointed and would hear their committal. The magistrate ruled that he had power to hear the proceedings.

The first and crucial question was whether the applicants were right in saying that once justices were sitting as examining justices they were necessarily enquiring into an offence for the purposes of section 6(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980.

In his Lordship's judgment they were not. From the time the decision as to mode of trial was made, justices sat as examining justices but they did not embark on an enquiry into the offence until either the prosecution opened the case or witnesses were called or some step was taken pertinent to the committal of the case to trial.

Logically, and as a matter of principle, a submission of abuse of process could and should be made prior to that embarkation since, if successful, defendants would be discharged and costs saved.

The enquiry into whether a fair trial could be held was a separate question from the question as to whether the strength of the evidence justified committal for trial.

The first question could generally be determined without hearing any evidence, whereas the second, if it was an old style committal, could only be determined after hearing evidence.

It was clearly desirable that the same justices should adjudicate both upon a submission of abuse of process and upon whether the evidence justified committal, but it did not seem essential.

In wholly exceptional cases there might be good reasons why different justices should adjudicate upon the two questions.

Mr Justice Pill agreed.

Solicitors: McCarthy & Co, Birmingham; CPS, Fraud Investigation Unit.

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Second murder charge is lawful

HM Advocate v Boyle

Before the Lord Justice General (Lord Hope), Lord Cowie and Lord Mayfield

[Judgment October 2]

Where an accused person was charged with murder, the jury convicted him of culpable homicide, and an appeal was allowed and the jury's verdict set aside, but the Crown was granted authority to bring a new prosecution, it was neither competent nor oppressive for the Crown then to charge the accused with murder for a second time, notwithstanding his acquittal of that charge by the jury.

The High Court of Justiciary, sitting as the Court of Criminal Appeal, so held, allowing an appeal by the Crown against a decision of the High Court at a preliminary diet to dismiss a charge of murder against Daniel Boyle as oppressive.

Section 254 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 provides:

"(1) The High Court may, subject to subsection (4) below, dispose of an appeal against conviction by —

(a) affirming the verdict of the trial court;

(b) setting aside the verdict of the trial court and either quashing the conviction or substituting therefor *an amended verdict of guilty*: provided that an amended verdict of guilty must be one which could have been returned on the indictment before the trial court; or

(c) setting aside the verdict of the trial court and granting authority to bring a new prosecution in accordance with section 255 of this Act.

Section 255 provides: "(1) Where authority is granted under section 254(1)(c) of this Act, a new prosecution may be brought charging the accused with the same or any similar offence arising out of the same facts; and the proceedings out of which the appeal arose shall not be a bar to such new prosecution: provided that no sentence may be passed on conviction under the new prosecution which could not have been passed on conviction under the earlier proceedings."

Mr Roderick McDonald, QC, for the Crown; Mr Graeme Bell, QC and Mr Paul McBride for Mr Boyle.

THE LORD JUSTICE GENERAL said that reference had been made to the power of the Court of Appeal in England in terms of section 7 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 (as amended) to order a re-trial.

Section 7(2) provided that a person should not be ordered to be re-tried for any offence other than the offence of which he was convicted at the original trial and in respect of which his appeal had been allowed by reason of the fresh evidence, or an offence of which he could have been convicted at the original trial on an indictment for that offence, or an offence charged in any alternative count of the indictment in respect of which the jury were disabled for giving a verdict in consequence of convicting him of that offence.

If a restriction in those terms had been enacted as part of the 1975 Act the Crown would have been unable to bring any charge in the new prosecution in the case other than one of culpable homicide.

There were significant differences of approach between the English and the Scottish legislation, since the Court of Appeal in England was empowered to exercise a much closer control over the process of re-trial than had been thought appropriate in Scotland.

The Scottish approach was no doubt based on the principle which was fundamental to its system of criminal prosecution that the Crown was at all times the master of the instance, and it had due regard to the discretion which was vested in the public interest in the Lord Advocate.

Mr Bell contended that the effect of the jury's verdict had been, by the clearest implication, to acquit the respondent of murder. His appeal had been directed to the conviction, not the acquittal. And if the verdict was set aside in order to remove the conviction of culpable homicide, that left the implied verdict of acquittal of murder undisturbed.

It was contrary to the whole spirit of the Act that the respondent should find himself worse off as a result of a successful appeal against his conviction, as he would be if he were to be exposed once more to the charge of murder of which he had been acquitted. It was also illogical that that should be the result of granting authority under section 254(1)(c) since the statute gave no right to the Crown to appeal against a conviction.

Accepting as he did that no restriction similar to that in the English legislation was expressed in the 1975 Act, Mr Bell submitted that if there was an ambiguity it should be resolved in favour of the accused.

Their Lordships agreed that by convicting the respondent of culpable homicide the jury at the previous trial had by implication been acquitting him of murder. His acquittal on the charge of murder which had been implied by that verdict could not have been the subject of any appeal.

But the effect of setting aside the verdict was that that verdict was no longer available to be used for any purpose. It had to be disregarded entirely, and all its effects and implications had ceased to exist.

There was no indication in the statute that, although it ceased to have effect for one purpose, it was to continue to have effect for another. Mr Bell accepted that, if a verdict of guilty which merely deleted part of the narrative of the charge was set aside, the deletion would fall to be disregarded if a new prosecution were then to be brought charging the accused with the same offence.

His point was that a verdict which implied an acquittal of a more serious offence libelled in the same charge was different, because there could be no appeal against the acquittal and only the conviction on that charge was being set aside.

Their Lordships did not accept that distinction. Verdicts which included deletions from the narrative, verdicts which had riders attached to them and verdicts which reduced the crime libelled to a lesser crime were all in the same position. Once the verdict had been set aside, all exculpatory elements expressed in or implied by it were also struck out.

For those reasons the bringing of the charge of murder was competent.

The remaining issue was whether the charge amounted to oppression.

The judge had reached the view that at the preliminary diet that the circumstances of the case were very special, and indeed unique, because the jury had decided to assert in a rider to the verdict that the respondent had acted without murderous intent.

However, the sole basis for the argument was a comparison between the charge in the present indictment and the verdict at the previous trial. But that verdict had been set aside.

It had ceased to exist, and any attempt to compare the charge on the present indictment with the conclusion reached by the jury on the evidence led in the earlier proceedings had to be rejected as irrelevant.

The appeal court in setting aside his conviction had been well aware that the respondent was liable to be tried again for murder if authority were to be given for the bringing of a new prosecution. Yet they had held that it was in the public interest that authority to that effect should be granted. The Crown was accordingly acting within the limits of the authority given to it by the court and in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Their Lordships found it impossible in those circumstances to say that the Crown was acting oppressively. Furthermore, no case had been cited in which it had been held that the court was entitled to substitute its own view of what was fair or unfair as regards the charges to be included in an indictment for that formed by the Lord Advocate.

Law agents: Crown Agent; Macbeth Currie for Beltrami & Co, Glasgow.

When judicial review becomes academic and incompetent

Marco's Leisure v West Lothian District Licensing Board

Before Lord Marnoch

[Judgment October 30]

Where judicial review was sought of a refusal of permission for a public performance on a date in the past, the question was academic and the application therefore incompetent.

Lord Marnoch, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, dismissing as incompetent a petition for judicial review brought by Marco's Leisure in respect of a decision taken by West Lothian District Licensing Board.

Mr Stuart Nicoll for the petitioners; Mr Iain McKay for the respondents.

LORD MARNOCH said that performances by a male dance group, "The Chippendales", had been scheduled to take place earlier in the year, but in the event, permission for them having been refused, the performances had not taken place.

The respondents had referred to the *dictum* of Lord Justice-Clerk Thomson in *McNaughton v McNaughton's Trs* (1953 SC 387, 392):

"Our courts have consistently acted on the view that it is their function in the ordinary run of contentious litigation to decide only live, practical questions, and that they have no concern with hypothetical, premature or academic questions, nor do they exist to advise litigants as to the policy which they should adopt in the ordering of their affairs. The courts are neither a debating club nor an advisory bureau."

Mr Nicoll had argued that the matter was not hypothetical, because there might be other performances of The Chippendales arranged for the future.

However, the plain fact was that there were no averments whatsoever regarding any further performances and, even if there were, the appropriate course was for the petitioners to apply again to the respondents for the necessary permission and depending, no doubt, on the outcome, perhaps bring a further petition for judicial review at that stage.

Law agents: A. & W. M. Urquhart Simpson & Marwick, WS.

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Five nations' championship: England's manager throws down gauntlet while Ireland look to new playmaker

Cooke's goal is to make England the world's best

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

GEOFF Cooke, entering his sixth five nations' championship as England manager, has thrown down the gauntlet to the rest of the field in this year's tournament, which starts at the weekend. "Our aim is to put England at the top of the rugby playing world," he said. "It may be arrogant, we may be knocked off in this championship, but that's where we want to go."

England, whose players assembled at Richmond yesterday, play France at Twickenham on Saturday with a championship record of 15 victories, four defeats and a draw under Cooke's management and are unbeaten in the championship for two seasons.

Emphasising the problems connected with change in the game and the dedication of England's squad to sustained success, Cooke posed the question: "Look how well we are doing, why should we change?"

However, he could detect danger signs. "Are we becoming increasingly critical of criticism? Our success brings its own problems. Can we control change? There has been talk about the demands on the players' time. The game makes the demands. If we want to be among the best we have to match what the people at the top are doing. We can all choose to opt in or, in an amateur game, to opt out."

Cooke acknowledged the problems that a home and away club league system will bring and, in his other rugby role as manager of the British Isles team to New Zealand this summer, the difficulty in finding an April weekend to bring the tour party together when league and cup commitments existed for all four home unions.

"But our job is to select winners," he said. "The England squad is totally dedicated to being the best. That doesn't mean they have the right to be successful but it does mean they have the character and the experience to work hard when things are not going well. There is pride in performance that sustains them when the going gets tough.

"Tremendous mental courage is required to go out and perform well in front of so many people. It's not easy to take calculated risks in such an atmosphere and that's the hardest part of the job of Dick Best [the coach] and my job, to encourage players not to be afraid of failure.

"On Saturday, if it's a tight game with little in it near the end, I think we will see England players wanting to get their hands on the ball, wanting to contribute towards the score which might win the game rather than trying to find somewhere to hide in case they make a mistake. The difference between being good and great is a little extra effort."

Cooke was addressing a dinner given by Save and Prosper, the investment house which has extended its seven-year sponsorship of English rugby. It is the sponsor of England's three internationals at Twickenham this season, and has been able to include the 1994 England-Wales international under its banner. That match has been the preserve of British Gas for eight years but they are ending rugby sponsorship after the game in Cardiff next month.



Pivotal role: Malone has graduated from English student rugby to the full Irish side

Malone steps in to give Ireland new direction

David Hands meets the latest man entrusted with the Ireland stand-off half's jersey and finds him ready to chance his arm to keep it

WHEN ligament damage ended Paul Dean's international career in 1989, the Ireland selectors believed they had found a replacement at stand-off half from the same country where Dean was injured — Australia.

For two seasons, Brian Smith suggested they were not wrong, though not to universal approval from the Irish public. But since Smith accepted an offer to return to Australia and play rugby league last March, Ireland have tried four stand-offs and found various reasons for discarding them.

Vincent Cunningham was the first, Ralph Keyes took over for the World Cup and then a brief flirtation with Derek McAleese was followed by a reversion to Peter Russell, who had slipped in for a cap in 1990.

Stand-off half is the pivotal position in any team. Since the selectors were also trying to decide whether Rob Saunders or Fergus Aherne was the better option at scrum half, and to shore up a pack which found life increasingly difficult at the highest level, the pivots could hardly be blamed for not knowing whether they were coming or going. Mostly they were going.

On Saturday, yet another half-back combination will grace the green of Ireland when they play the Scots at Murrayfield. The selectors have gone back to Michael Bradley, whose international career at scrum half began in 1984, and have given him a young sprig to nurture — Niall Malone.

When Malone and Paul Burke were named in the trial teams earlier this month, it was clear that youth was to have its day, even if Russell — who let nobody down on a difficult tour of New Zealand last summer — remained as a fail-safe. Malone is 21, fresh from student rugby in England; Burke, 19, with half a season's senior experience for London Irish behind him.

The trial turned Malone's way: he scored two tries and a total of 18 points in a comfortable win for the senior XV. The nomination for the team against Scotland completed the last two steps on the ladder which Malone thought himself unlikely to take this season: Irish schools, Irish students, Ireland under-21, Ireland A and Ireland.

"Events have moved quickly," Malone said. "The objective this season was to try to make the B squad. Even when I was picked on the Probables for the trial, I didn't think I was first choice. I just thought the selectors wanted to have a look at Paul and me because they knew what Peter Russell could do anyway."

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Malone comes to the role with, if not a good sporting pedigree, at least the makings of one. His second name, Gareth, suggests his mother's Welsh roots and the player who he remembers from schoolboy years is Jonathan Davies, the former Wales stand-off.

"He played the game how I would like to," Malone, a cheerful extrovert, said. "He could take on defences and make tries out of nothing. If the chance to run comes along on Saturday I will try to take it, but I don't think people in Ireland are too worried about style — the emphasis on winning is enormous."

Just as Australia made Smith the player he was for Ireland, England have helped to do the same for Malone (and even more so for Burke). After winning three schools caps for Ireland in 1989, two of them victories, his arrival at Loughborough University to study sports science liberated his game. "Although we found it hard against the senior sides, we were all young and wanted to get involved and that encouraged the open game," he said. While there he played at nearby Moseley in the first defeat England suffered at under-21 level, kicking five penalties and a dropped goal in Ireland's 22-18 win behind a pack which won the honours.

That will be the key to Saturday. Last month he played behind an Oxford pack in the University match which won less possession than expectedthis month he played behind a Probables pack which dominated in the trial.

"I found the University match a strange experience. It was almost as though people weren't watching because the noise was constant rather than ebbing and flowing with play.

"It won't be like that on Saturday, I'm sure. The crowd will get behind the players more." They will if this match resembles the teams' past two five nations' meetings at Murrayfield, which Scotland won 37-21 and 28-25. Ireland, for their part, would be happy with 3-0 and the knowledge that Malone can offer them the continuity any country requires at half back.

SPORTS LETTERS

Liverpool need new manager

From Mr Jonathan Cohen

Sir, We Liverpool supporters have enjoyed too much success for too long to expect it as of right, or even to take it for granted. But we are appalled by Graeme Souness's destructive influence at the club.

Like many others, I rejoiced initially when Souness succeeded Dalglish. The memory of Souness's swashbuckling talent in Liverpool's red and the number, if not the style, of his successes as Rangers manager, blinded us to his ruthlessness as a player, his regular courting of public disagreement with a tetchy intransigence, and his overwhelming ambition.

But mistakes have to be recognised, and, however costly, put right. After all, the payoff to remove Souness would probably be little more than his loss for the club over his investment in Saunders.

Liverpool should now dismiss a manager whose record reveals: a combative, abrasive style; the indelicate handling of man-management and PR; inconsistent and eccentric team selection; a ruthless discarding of those who do not agree with, or fit into, his plans; an apparent inability ever to conceive that he could be wrong, making him an impossible "employer" to serve or play for and a difficult colleague to work with.

All of this has produced: relatively poor results; more injuries than ever before; an alarming lack of team spirit; an atmosphere around the club which would be more appropriate in a morgue; a disillusioned staff; a dissatisfied board of directors, even allowing for his inexperienced chairman; a sceptical press; and disenchanted supporters, even allowing for another huge attendance last Saturday.

For Souness "fitting in" seems not to be an option — so why keep him?

Yours faithfully,
JOHNNY COHEN,
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Liverpool 25.

Better answer

From Mr Geoffrey C. Lee

Sir, The solution to Rangers's frustration of isolated excellence lies not in David Miller's reference (January 7) to some mythological European league, but in them and Celtic joining the so-far-English Premier League, thus making a British league at last worthy of the adjective "super".

Yours sincerely,
G. LEE,
63 Hotham Road, SW15.

No stranger to turmoil

From Mr J. Dutton

Sir, Apropos Peter Ball's report (January 11) about the possibility of inter-communal strife jeopardising England's cricket tour of India, I discover that this is not the first time that the team manager, Keith Fletcher, has been faced with such a dilemma.

His name appears in the guest list of a drinks party I hosted as Acting High Commissioner in Colombo in January 1969 when the MCC touring party was due to proceed to Pakistan.

Afterwards, several of the team stayed to dinner, including the captain, Colin Cowdrey (not Tony Lewis), and Tom Graveney. The avidity with which they listened to the radio news of rioting in Pakistan and the somewhat anguished discussion of the potential risks of continuing the tour is still a vivid memory.

My sympathy went out to them, as it does to their successors, when their fate is so much in the hands of others, and spare a thought for the High Commission officials who have to give advice. It can be an onerous responsibility.

Yours faithfully,
JIM DUTTON,
Cockerhurst,
Tyrrells Wood,
Leatherhead,
Surrey.

Squash players do have heart in the game

From Mr Chris Walker and Mr Tony Hands

Sir, Mr C. M. N. Wilson (Sports Letters, January 7) suggests that the English squash players boycotting the national championships, which start in Cheadle today, are guilty of a greedy attitude in hard times. On behalf of the British Squash Professionals Association we would like to correct him.

Firstly, the professional side of squash has grown immensely in the past ten years and we are now enjoying its most prosperous years. However, it is still not in the league of tennis or golf, and there are only about 50 professionals in the world able to make a living purely from competition.

By a combination of poor marketing and misguided presentation, the Squash Rackets Association (SRA), of England, has performed poor service to the game with its national championships this year. We, the players, have carried the SRA through previous championships when sponsorship was not available, but we now need to voice our opinions and be treated as professional sportsmen.

Our only demand is the abolition of the outdated SRA ruling that "in order to be considered for England selection, and be included in the English ranking list, a player must compete in the national championships".

This may well have been acceptable a decade ago, when there was a handful of competitive tournaments, but today, when the top players are involved in upwards of 15 tournaments and 20 further competitive matches a year, it is surely possible to get some idea of players' form to select an English team.

However, the players would be entitled to complain that the SRA is not putting the final stages of the competition on the spectacular, all-transparent showcourt that every other major tournament now ueses: and about the inexplicable decision to exclude Welsh, Scottish and Irish players from a tournament that has always been a highly respected British closed championship until devalued this year to an unpopular English closed.

Mr Wilson accuses us of having a "sad" attitude, but he, a former Scottish international of such standing in the game, would have been exiled from this year's English championship.

It is the SRA which has adopted a "sad" attitude to our national event. Is it fair to be forced possibly to lose money, particularly in a time of recession?

The heart of British squash players is very much in the game and its future. Even though we reap relatively small rewards for our efforts, we love our sport, have devoted our lives to it and are proud of our achievements.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS WALKER,
TONY HANDS,
Apartment 4,
Claudius Court,
Colchester, Essex.

Good practice

From Mr Geoff Hewitt

Sir, The techniques attributed to Jeff Probyn (article, January 5) would come as little surprise to any prop playing 20 years ago — in fact they were considered good practice. It was also recognised that a good little 'un was better than a good big 'un: the 5ft 8in prop had a built-in advantage over the 6ft prop, who could only overcome it by superior strength and technique.

However, with all the law changes in the intervening years, it is difficult for a smaller prop to push effectively — ie, with his back horizontal — and stay within the laws, since the natural result is to pull a larger prop down and/or to disrupt the opposition's binding. This, combined with referees' reluctance to punish the scrum half for a crooked feed, has largely removed the value of good front-row technique as a means of winning the ball.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFF HEWITT,
13 Briar Lane,
Carshalton, Surrey.

Earlier century

From Mr Tim Milne

Sir, The dispute about Graham Gooch's number of centuries (reports, January 6, 7) recalls another remarkable source of disagreement.

In 1925 Jack Hobbs was having a terrific season. By mid-July he had scored 12 centuries, and was within one of W. G. Grace's total of 126. Then his form partly deserted him. For four weeks he found himself the most talked of man in England, but the next century would not come. And then, at Taunton in mid-August, it did.

As a schoolboy I saw the innings — or rather the 91 he had scored by close of play on Saturday. On the Monday he reached the century and on Tuesday made another, thus passing W. G.'s total.

That was history until 1981, when *Wisden*, following research by the Association of Cricket Statisticians, decreed that two of W. G.'s total of 126 were not first-class. (In retrospect, there was some justification.)

In other words, Hobbs had equalled and surpassed W. G. some weeks earlier, without anybody realising it, and my cherished schoolboy memories were founded on sand. However, next year *Wisden* restored the status quo.

The lesson is obvious. The standing of all matches should be clear before they begin and if there is any doubt, it should be resolved immediately.

Yours faithfully,
TIM MILNE,
Red Willows,
Urgashay,
Yeovil,
Somerset.

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Earlier answers

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TECLA

(b) The proprietary name of a make of artificial pearl, Evelyn Waugh, *Vile Bodies*: "Heirlooms of priceless value among Tecla pearls." "Tecla... Imitation or reconstructed pearls, imitation or reconstructed rubies, imitation emeralds, and imitation or reconstructed sapphires. Isaac Blumenthal, Hendon, Middlesex, merchant and manufacturer."

PADANG

(a) An open, grassy space, a field, especially a playing-field, also scrub vegetation, from the Malay word: "E. W. Birch was one of those whose delight it was to see a padang, a shady playing-field, laid out in every kampong of the State."

MERBAU

(b) A hardwood timber obtained from *Intsia bijuga* or *Intsia palembanica*, of the family Leguminosae, trees native to Malaysia and Indonesia, also the tree itself: "Merbau is used for all kinds of high-grade construction on land, for furniture, and for sleepers."

BUTYROMETER

(a) An instrument for estimating the percentage of butter-fat in milk, from the Greek *butyro-* butter + *meter* a measure: "The butyrometer is extremely useful, alike for measuring periodically the fat-producing capacity of individual cows in a herd, for rapidly ascertaining the percentage of fat in milk delivered to factories, etc."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Solution: taking the black queen allows ... Rc1+ mating and 1 Rxe2 is met by 1 ... Qxd1+! also mating. However, white can win material with the amazing 1 Qf8+! Rxf8 2 Nxd7 and black has no good move.

YACHTING

Skippers may dispute compensation award

BY KEITH WHEATLEY

BRITISH Steel II, the yacht dismasted west of Cape Horn in the British Steel Challenge race, is closing towards Hobart, but her imminent arrival could cause problems for race officials.

In the hours immediately after she lost the mast, another competitor, Heath Insured, altered course to meet British Steel II and transferred diesel fuel needed to allow the stricken yacht to motor to New Zealand. In London, race officials announced a compensatory time allowance to Heath of 16 hours for her diversion.

In a race as tight as this, that sum could be crucial. Fellow skippers are anxious that humanitarian assistance may have been over-generously rewarded. Independently, rival captains John Chittenden, Vivien Cherry and Pete Goss each calculated the allowance due and came up with an identical answer of only six hours.

"My instant gut reaction, even when we were still out at sea, was that 16 hours was too much, far too much," Goss, the skipper of Hofbraü Lager, said. "It was a decision made in London by people who weren't there, didn't know the scene and didn't have half the information at their fingertips."

John Chittenden, the overall race leader aboard Nuclear Electric and winner of the second leg from Rio de Janiero, had similar views. "I certainly think that 16 hours is too much, but I hope they will reconsider before making a final announcement," he said.

The race committee meets formally over the weekend to adjudicate on this and other controversial matters, including the possible issue of new mainsails (not withstanding sailing instructions that said each boat had only one set to mast the entire 28,000-mile race). Some skippers are in a mood to protest over both tie and canvas.

Frenchman tries to steal march on British couple

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

THE 65-knot gale that blasted the south coast yesterday forced Peter Blake and Robin Knox-Johnston to put off their 85ft catamaran round the world record hopes for at least another day.

The ENZA New Zealand co-skippers are in a race against time to start their 80-day record attempt because news from France yesterday suggested that the yachtsman, Oliver de Kersauson, intends to embark from Brest on a rival record attempt this weekend to make the most of these strong winds.

To Blake and Knox-Johnston, as well as another French crew led by Bruno Peyron, de Kersauson has become the fly in this particular ointment because he refuses to obey the rules laid down by the Jules Verne trophy organisers which prohibits outside assistance.

Unlike the other two crews who will not be ready until another week, de Kersauson intends to rely on specialist weather routers based in France to help plot the fastest course around the world. While Peyron has agreed to make a race of it and wait for Blake and Knox-Johnston to be ready, de Kersauson's efforts to beat the gun is seen as another act of poor sportsmanship.

"We won't even mention his name. He is not playing by the rules," Knox-Johnston said. Yet, if de Kersauson and his 90ft trimaran, Charel, are first to beat the 80-day barrier with or without assistance from a weather router, it will be hard for the rest of the world not to recognise the achievement.

☐ Lawrie Smith's hopes of building a maxi yacht for this year's Whitbread Round the World yacht Race have been dashed. The Teesside Development Corporation, which had planned to sponsor his British entry, has pulled out after failing to raise support for the £7 million challenge from companies in the North East.

England's oldest

From Mr N. O. Durdant Hollamby

Sir, Recent claims (Sports Letters, December 24; Diary, January 8) to the distinction of being accepted as England's oldest cricket club call for a pronouncement from Lord's on the question and comment from the three clubs mentioned — Hampshire's Hambledon, Kent's Sevenoaks Vine and Sussex's Chalvington and Ripe.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL DURDANT HOLLAMBY,
The Outfield,
Chartway,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

St Jovite is head boy in class of under-achievers

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

ST JOVITE was yesterday officially declared the outstanding horse of 1992, but the overall lack of quality made the latest Flat season one of the worst for years.

The publication of the international classifications showed that in spite of the sparkling performances of Lyric Fantasy and the Khaled Abdulla-owned trio of Zafonic, Tenby and Armiger, the two-year-olds were generally a moderate bunch — and the three-year-olds no better.

Subotica, winner of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, enjoyed the dubious distinction of sharing the title of worst winner of Europe's premier middle-distance race since 1977, along with Detroit (1980) and Carroll House (1989).

The rating of 125 awarded to Dr Devious is 7lb below the average for a Derby winner. Only Quest For Fame, the 1990 Derby winner, has received a lower rating (123) since the current classifications began 16 years ago.

St Jovite's runaway successes in the Irish Derby and, more particularly, in the all-aged King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes gained him a rating of 135 — 6lb behind Dancing Brave but in line with the average for the top-rated three-year-old in recent years — and arguably he was the best horse in the northern hemisphere.

However, controversy immediately surrounded the 10lb gap in the official ratings between St Jovite and Dr Devious.

On the four occasions the two classic colts met, Dr Devious beat St Jovite by two lengths at Epsom and a short head in the Irish Champion Stakes. St Jovite beat a sickening Dr Devious 12 lengths at the Curragh, while a length separated the pair in the Arc, where St Jovite finished fourth, two places ahead of his old rival.

Geoffrey Gibb, the Jockey Club's senior handicapper, said the gulf in the ratings was due to "St Jovite's impressive win, beating older horses, in the King George at Ascot in July.

"We would certainly consider that the meeting of the generations is the acid test of one against the other. The older horses in the King George had been remarkably consistent, so there was no fluke about that result."

Zafonic (Fr)	9st 7lb	Kingmambo (Fr)	8-10
Armiger	9-6	Sexton Dalawal (Fr)	8-10
Lyric Fantasy	9-4	Wixon (Fr)	8-10
Tenby	9-4	Yawl	8-10
Beash (Ire)	9-0	Zieten (Fr)	8-10
Blush Rambler	9-0	Bandfast	8-9
Son Pardo	8-13	Gold Splash (Fr)	8-9
Ardkinglass	8-12	Marcof	8-9
Firm Pledge	8-12	Mil Foil (Fr)	8-9
Inchinor	8-12	Peldar (Ity)	8-9
Wherry	8-12	Polandic	8-9
Cheshire Board (US)	8-12	Sharp Prod	8-9
Canadel Star	8-11	Splendent	8-9
Sayyedati	8-11	Earl Of Barking (US)	8-8
Fatherland (Ire)	8-10	Elizabeth Bay (Fr)	8-8
Forest Wind	8-10	Green's Bid	8-8
Kadoura (Fr)	8-10	Kindergarten (Fr)	8-8
		Merchand De Sable (Fr)	8-8
		Queen's View	8-8
		Richard Of York (Fr)	8-8
		Silver Wizard	8-8
		So Factual 111	8-8
		Arinthod (Fr)	8-7
		Chancebdewild (Fr)	8-7
		Corrozone (Fr)	8-7
		Desert Secret	8-7
		Devil's Rock (Fr)	8-7
		Glorieux Dancer (Fr)	8-7
		Humam	8-7
		Intrasonic (Fr)	8-7
		Love Of Silver	8-7
		Pips Pride	8-7
		Sazoiga (Ity)	8-7
		White Crown	8-7

Despite his explanation, connections of the recently exported Dr Devious have reason to feel aggrieved.

Although more two-year-olds qualified for inclusion in the classifications — 69 compared to the worst figure of 55 for 1991 — only 13 (19 per cent) were rated 115 plus, compared to a five-year average of 27 per cent.

Gibb said: "The two-year-olds have been a disappointing lot this year. You have got three potentially good colts and certainly an outstanding filly in Lyric Fantasy.

"The numbers included in the classifications are very satisfactory but the quality is not very high."

Zafonic (rated 125) was the champion two-year-old following his success in the Dewhurst Stakes where only one other group one winner ran, while Armiger was rated 1lb inferior following an impressive success in a "substandard" Racing Post Trophy.

Only two clear top-rated juveniles since 1977 (El Gran Senor in 1983 and Reference Point in 1986) have gone on to enjoy classic success.

Among the three-year-olds, only 17 qualified for the 120 plus rating, the lowest number. Even with the four-year-old plus horses showing their best figure - 23 - in this range since 1986, the combined total of 40 is the lowest on record.

A year after being the top British two-year-old colt and leading filly respectively, Rodrigo De Triano and Marling showed the value of being campaigned seriously as juveniles by going on to greater success as three-year-olds. Rodrigo De Triano was top-rated intermediate colt while Marling was top miler of her age group.

Just why 1992 produced mediocre two and three-year-olds is hard to fathom.

Gibb suggested competition among top horses is less intense than in the past "and that has an effect on the level of ratings."

Year	Top horse	Derby winner
1983	Shareef Dancer 133	Teenoso 128
1984	El Gran Senor 138	Secreto 128
1985	Slip Anchor 135	Slip Anchor
1986	Dancing Brave 141	Shahrastani 134
1987	Reference Pt 135	Reference Pt
1988	Warning 133	Kahyasi 128
1989	Old Vic/Zilzal 134	Mashaalla 131
1990	Dayjur 133	Quest For Fame 123
1991	Generous 137	Generous
1992	St Jovite 135	Dr Devious 125



Pick of the crop: St Jovite impressed with his King George victory

Call for a pyjama rebellion

BY IVO TENNANT

A RESOLUTION opposing the introduction of coloured clothing for Sunday League games next season is to be put before Kent's annual general meeting. Roy Edey, the proposer, is also trying to persuade members of other counties to put pressure on the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB).

Kent were one of the counties originally opposed to the plan, but are bound by TCCB rules to introduce it. A close vote is expected at the meeting to be held on March 15.

Edey feels that if sufficient counties were to pass identical resolutions, the TCCB would be unable to implement the experiment. "Clearly, a majority would be needed," Edey said. "Numerous members from other clubs have already written to me in support."

Kent say they cannot act unilaterally and have to abide by TCCB rules. So Edey has changed his resolution from one of no confidence in the TCCB to opposing it on the grounds that the clothing would do "untold harm to the integrity of county cricket".

Gooch's team beaten by nine wickets as Sidhu continues his personal assault

England struggle in all departments

FROM PETER BALL IN DELHI

ENGLAND'S fortunes received a further setback in the Feroz Shah Kotla stadium here yesterday. They were outplayed in their first one-day match of the tour, the Indian Board President's XI beating them by nine wickets with 14 balls to spare.

The margin of victory was large and it was a fair reflection of the cricket. Apart, inevitably, from the captain, England's batting once again failed to function, but the bad news this time was that the bowling and fielding too were way below par. Sidhu put the bowlers to the sword under the shadow of the Red Fort, hitting 11 fours and three sixes in an unbeaten 130.

He has now scored 222 runs against the England team in three innings and has been dismissed only once. John Emburey has already seen more than enough of him, but England are likely to see a lot more of him before the end of this tour.

It is the batting, though, which continues to offer the most cause for concern. Gooch has begun the tour in his usual dominating form and Gatting, too, has already planted his banner firmly. With the help of an early dropped catch, Stewart had a half-decent innings yesterday, but Fairbrother, Smith and Hick are all still waiting for their first substantial innings.

None of them is playing the Indian spinners with any certainty. With the occasional spin of Ajay Sharma supporting Maninder Singh and Rajesh Chauhan, the slow bowlers claimed four of England's eight wickets yesterday. In all, 22 of the 30 England wickets to fall on the tour have gone to the spinners.

By contrast, Tufnell and Emburey have had an unhappy time. Sidhu once again went for Emburey yesterday as if determined to hit him out of cricket for good. With Sharma chipping in too, Emburey has now been hit for 12 sixes in three innings.

Perhaps it is a good thing that the Indian board has dug its heels in and that the next game on the tour will be another practice match rather than a one-day international on Saturday. Even the one-day international in Jaipur on Monday may come too soon for comfort for England in their present form.

"Sidhu and Sharma are good players and they batted well," Gooch said, "but our all-round performance was way below standard."

Yesterday was Lohri, the Punjabi equivalent of Christmas day, which is reputedly the coldest day of the year. It felt like it, more Derby in April than Delhi, although for a time the England batting provided some warmth after an early escape for Stewart. He edged Zaidi's outswinger at a comfortable height to first slip, only for Mongia to dive across and tip it round the post. After that let off, and one or two alarms for Gooch, who edged one no-ball to Mongia and lost his middle stump to another, England prospered.

Gooch's bat again looked broad as he hooked, drove and forced the ball away through the covers. Stewart had also set off at a high pace and 83 runs had come in 16 overs when Kuruvilla sent Stewart's middle stump cartwheeling back 25 yards.

Had we but known it, that was to be England's high point. A Lucknow astrologer forecast that Smith would either enjoy a magnificent tour or a very poor one. With his heavy-footed uncertainty against spin, his readiness to call the tour off when the riots flared in Bombay and Ahmedabad, and his lack of appetite for flying the signs do not appear propitious. Yesterday he was beaten by a beauty from Maninder, which pitched middle and hit off.

The next wicket was the crucial one, for while Gooch was there England seemed set for a sizable total. But with a century beckoning he failed to get to the pitch of an off break from Chauhan and was bowled through his drive.

With his departure the innings fell apart as four wickets went down for 15 in five overs. There was some sympathy for Fairbrother, who was adjudged leg-before sweeping to a ball which looked to have pitched outside leg stump, and for Gatting, who was run out by Maninder's swoop and throw.

Reeve and Emburey, improvising characteristically, came to the rescue to give England a reasonable total to defend. But the bowlers never remotely looked capable of defending it as Sidhu set about them, only Jarvis extracting any life. He was a model of economy.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Where did that one go? Emburey peers into the distance as Sidhu strikes again

ENGLAND XI
*G A Gooch b Chauhan 85
†A J Stewart b Kuruvilla 36
R A Smith b Maninder 15
N H Fairbrother lbw b Chauhan 17
G A Hick b Sharma 1
D A Reeve not out 24
M W Gatting run out 7
C C Lewis b Sharma 14
P A J DeFreitas lbw b Zaidi 1
J E Emburey not out 24
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 3, nb 8) 21
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) 245
P W Jarvis did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-83, 2-113, 3-169, 4-170, 5-172, 6-184, 7-205, 8-208.
BOWLING: Kuruvilla 10-0-50-1; Zaidi 7-0-34-1; Vaidya 6-0-21-0; Maninder 10-1-36-1; Chauhan 10-0-53-2; Sharma 8-1-41-2.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI
S S Balwe c Gatting b Lewis 17
N S Sidhu not out 130
S Ganguly retired hurt 7
A Sharma not out 75
Extras (b 9, lb 4, nb 4) 17
Total (1 wkt, 47.4 overs) 246
R Dravid, †N R Mongia, A W Zaidi, P S Vaidya, R Chauhan, A Kuruvilla and *Maninder Singh did not bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-54.
BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-0-52-0; Jarvis 10-0-24-0; Reeve 10-0-53-0; Lewis 10-1-45-1; Emburey 7.4-0-59-0.
Umpires: C K Balwe and R C Sharma.

Satellite channels to merge

Eurosport and Screensport, the satellite television channels, propose to merge to provide one all-sports service that will be available throughout Europe.

Both channels made financial losses and it is hoped that the new one, to be called Eurosport, will become profitable more quickly than if they remained separate. The European Community and the European Broadcasting Union must approve the merger.

Clouded view

Skiing: Yesterday's practice session for the women's World Cup downhill race, scheduled to be held at Cortina d'Ampezzo tomorrow, was cancelled because of fog. The men's events, scheduled for Adelboden and Wengen, Switzerland, next week, have been called off.

Captain resigns

Golf: John Roger Jones yesterday resigned as Welsh international team captain due to ill health. Jones, 48, a former Walker Cup selector and twice Welsh amateur champion, has been dogged by illness since last autumn, requiring regular hospital treatment.

End of the road

Athletics: A recurring ankle injury has Ian McCombie, England's leading road walker, to retire. He won bronze medals at the 1986 and 1990 Commonwealth Games.

Costly punch

Rugby union: Phil Pincher, the Maesteg prop, was yesterday banned for eight weeks by the Welsh Rugby Union's disciplinary committee after being sent off during a Swalec Cup match on December 19 for an "unprovoked punch".

Show of form

Cricket: Keith Arthurton warmed up for the first match of the World Series Cup final against Australia on Saturday with an explosive 94 as West Indies beat a Country XI by 51 runs at Newcastle.

Flying along

Cycling: Olga Sliusareva, of Russia, set a world indoor flying-start kilometre record of 1min 04.503sec on the 1980 Olympic track in Moscow.

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ICE SKATING

Outsiders move into early lead

FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN IN HELSINKI

A FINN, about 6ft 6in in his socks, and a British judge laid on a treat at the European championships yesterday when the men's contest started. The Finn, Oula Jaaskelainen, never better than twelfth before and the last of 29 men to take the ice, ended up an incredible second to the unexpected leader, Dmitri Dmitrenko, of the Ukraine. Two of the nine judges made Jaaskelainen first. The locals could not believe what they were seeing.

The British judge, Vanessa Riley, who once awarded Surya Bonaly, a low mark of four, was one who voted for him. Her Finnish colleague placed him sixth. Riley also marked Dmitrenko, the eventual winner of this opening technical programme, tenth. The Ukrainian is a former world junior champion.

Jaaskelainen skated out of his socks, with good technical efforts in a triple lutz — double toe loop combination and a solo triple flip. His artistry, too, was remarkable.

The favourites, Alexei Urmanov, of Russia, and Philippe Candeloro, of France, stumbled over their triple axels and came fourth and sixth before tomorrow's free programme. The technical section counts for a third of the marks.

Steven Cousins, to his credit, also opted for an attempted triple axel-double toe loop combination. He failed, but his following triple lutz was a beauty and to finish ninth in company which is rapidly improving was praiseworthy. It will be difficult for Cousins to improve on his seventh position of last year. On the advice of his coach, Alex McGowan, Cousins is now of a stature where he must go for broke.

The second Briton, John Martin, landed his combination tripleforward, but dug deep for a fine following triple flip. His artistry was poorly rewarded.

Tomorrow the dance gets under way with many people asking if Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, the 1984 Olympic champions, and four times world champions, will take advantage of the new rules allowing professionals to compete in international championships and come back for the Lillehammer Olympics next year.

Their agent said yesterday: "They are seriously thinking about it and will make a decision within the next couple of months."

Watch this space.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Oldham in debt despite turning loss into profit

OLDHAM have transformed a £216,000 loss in 1990-1 into a profit of £119,000 last season, yet they remain one of several clubs engaged in financial brinkmanship (Christopher Irvine writes).

Oldham are still £835,000 in debt, despite selling their training ground at Watersheddings, putting the greyhound stadium on the market, reducing players' contracts, wages and signing on fees, and making a £90,000 profit on 27 transfer deals last year.

Ian Carr, Oldham's secretary, said: "The debt burden makes it extremely difficult to operate the club as we would like. We've reduced overall costs but income fell with the return to the second division."

Oldham's plight is not yet as desperate as Swinton's and Leigh's, who are run by administrators. Many more are struggling, while the major clubs also have problems — Widnes can no longer realistically afford Jonathan Davies. But which other clubs are secure enough to take over his £70,000-a-year contract?

St Helens are leading a campaign for compensation by the Rugby Football League for players hurt on international duty. Their winger, Anthony Sullivan, sustained a serious knee injury during Wales' win in France last month. Sullivan, who will remain in plaster for another three weeks, was yesterday ruled out of the Wales squad for the World Sevens in Sydney next month, and will miss at least the first two rounds of the Challenge Cup.

Salford have failed to agree a deal with Leeds for Shaun Wane, their international forward.

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Silajdzic: all artillery should be in UN hands if Sarajevo siege is to end

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Young Hustler ready to deny Forster sentimental victory

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

TIM Forster has always enjoyed trying to win the Lillo Lumb Challenge Cup at Wincanton. The race is particularly dear to his heart as it is run in memory of the owner who helped give him his first training opportunity in 1962, when he took over the late Tom Yates's string at Letcombe Bassett.

Forster succeeded, not for the first time, last year with Fence Judge, and he tries again today with Glen Cherry, who is owned by another of his long-standing supporters, Gregory Phillips.

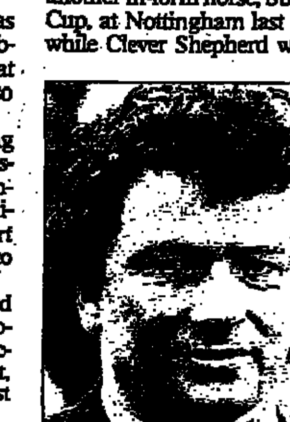
Glen Cherry, who has won at Uttoxeter already this season, should go well but I believe that Nigel Twiston-Davies is the trainer more likely to be the recipient of the trophy thanks to Young Hustler.

Last time out, Young Hustler was a 12-length winner at Newbury, for which he has been penalised only 5lb. Dublin Flyer, the horse that he beat on that occasion, is also trained by Forster.

Earlier in the season Young Hustler had also been successful at Bangor and Cheltenham before finishing a creditable second to the smart Barton Bank on a return to Cheltenham.

Glen Cherry apart, the hard core of Young Hustler's opposition, should comprise Auction Law, Sunbeam Talbot, Clever Shepherd and Just Moss.

But for the fact that David Barons' stable is currently troubled with a virus and out of form, I could give Auction Law a big chance following his third to Rushing Wild and Fit For Firing over this course.



Twiston-Davies: opening for smart Young Hustler

Sunbeam Talbot had the misfortune to run up against another in-form horse, Stirrup Cup, at Nottingham last time while Clever Shepherd was a promising third on his seasonal debut.

While Just Moss proved that he could cope with the heaviest of ground when winning at Lingfield last time, Young Hustler still makes the greatest appeal at these weights.

From an original entry of four for the John Bull Chase, Jenny Pitman has reduced her stable's representation to two: the former Gold Cup winner Garrison Savannah and Ryde Again.

In this instance, though, it could be safer to side with **Sabin Du Loir** even though he has just turned 14 years of age. The way that he shaped behind Another Coral at Newbury recently hinted strongly that he cannot be written off yet. Furthermore, he beat the likes of Desert Orchid and Waterloo Boy last season.

After yesterday's rain the going is likely to be much too soft for Docklands Express while Espy was beaten nearly 30 lengths in third place at Haydock last time.

Today's nap is **Oatis Regrets** to win the second division of the Spettisbury National Hunt Novices' Hurdle following that exciting start to his jumping career at Ludlow where he beat the Newbury winner Munka by 12 lengths.

Finally, if Padaventure fails to cope with course and distance winner **Shoon Wind** in the Keswick Handicap Chase at Wetherby, compensation can come to his trainer Mary Reveley in the form of a treble through **Bertie Boy** (1.10), **Programmed To Win** (1.40) and **Candy Tuff** (3.10).

New series caters for stayers

BY DICK HINDER

STAYERS will be the fore in a new 20-race championship series announced in London yesterday for the forthcoming Flat season.

Harcros, the timber and building company, having enjoyed success with its existing Scottish juvenile hurdle championship series, has expanded its sponsorship with this £200,000 launch for middle-range distance horses.

Lord Hartington, senior steward of the Jockey Club, said he was delighted to welcome the first major new sponsor of 1993. "This excellent series has come at a critical time and is good news for the industry."

Richard Baggarley, joint managing director of Harcros, said the series, comprising 17 handicaps and three rated stakes races, has taken over the Queen's Prize at Kempton's Easter meeting for its first qualifier.

The races, ten of which will be televised, will be spread across 17 courses, culminating in a £30,000 final — formerly the Mallard Handicap — over a mile-and-threequarters at Doncaster on September 7.

Clearly, the top prize will act as a magnet to stayers just below group class and it is not hard to envisage well-handicapped three-year-olds being mapped out for the final.

John Smith, clerk of the course at Doncaster, said: "Naturally, we are delighted to have been chosen to host the final. In these hard times, we must be positive and this is a significant new racing initiative."

Weather threat to Ascot

ASCOT'S two-day meeting scheduled for tomorrow and Saturday is at the mercy of rain. Nicholas Beaumont, the clerk of the course, yesterday declared the going heavy but he remains optimistic.

"We could have raced today and, provided the weather forecast is accurate, we should be all right," he said.

Ian Renton, in charge at Wincanton, has arranged a 7.30am inspection for today's card. "The forecast is for the rain to die away and I'm confident we'll be okay," he said. No problems are reported at Wetherby or Lingfield.

Zeta's Lad can take starring role in valuable Irish chase

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

UNDETERRED by the bad weather, John Upson has dispatched Zeta's Lad to Ireland to take his chance in the competitive Telecom Eireann Thyestes Handicap Chase at Gowran Park today.

Zeta's Lad started is career in Ireland, winning a National Hunt flat race and a three-mile hurdle at Clonmel and has proved to be a fine money-spinner since being sold to England.

His photo-finish defeat of Le Piccolage in the Bonusprint Handicap Chase at Kempton Park over the Christmas holiday was his twelfth success.

The latest news from the track indicates that the ground will ride heavy and that will be a plus factor for Zeta's Lad. However, the going will be a considerable disadvantage to the top weight, Cahervillahow, who has run his best races on good ground.

Nevertheless, Cahervillahow showed that Michael Morris has got him back to something like his old form when last time out he was a gallant second to General Idea in the Ericsson Chase when conceding 3lb to the winner.

One of the major winners at the Leopardstown Christmas meeting was the Jim Dreaper-trained River Tarquin, now penalised 6lb for his Findus Chase defeat of Second Schedual.

River Tarquin would however be happier on a left-handed track and is not certain to finish in front of Jamalade, who was brought down when going well in the Findus.

This is the best quality field to contest the Thyestes Chase in the past decade, and Upson's brave challenge with Zeta's Lad should pay a handsome dividend.

WINCANTON

MANDARIN
12.50 Sedge Warbler.
1.20 High Baron.
1.50 Young Hustler.
2.20 Russell Dalus.
2.50 Sabin Du Loir.
3.20 Royal Wonder.
3.50 OATIS REGRETS (nap).

THUNDERER
12.50 Factor Ten.
1.20 High Baron.
1.50 Glen Cherry.
2.20 Russell Dalus.
2.50 Ryde Again.
3.20 Royal Wonder.
3.50 Oatis Regrets.

RICHARD EVANS: 1.50 CLEVER SHEPHERD (nap).
3.50 Winter Squall.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.50 YOUNG HUSTLER.

GOING: SOFT, HEAVY PATCHES (7.30AM INSPECTION) SIS

12.50 SPETTISBURY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: £1,939: 2m) (20 runners)

1 10-02 BALZAC BOY 58 (D,BF,G) (Mrs R Allen) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5 M Pitman 80
2 BEACH BUM (Mrs J Young) Mrs J Young 7-11-5 G Upton –
3 0-3 CANTORIS FRATER 72 (E Beard) P Hobbs 6-11-5 Peter Hobbs 89
4 0-0F DAN DE LYON 28 (G Mordaunt) D Nicholson 5-11-5 R Dunwoody –
5 536 FACTOR TEN 10 (Premier Crops Ltd) Miss H Knight 5-11-5 J Osborne –
6 0-04 FIRST COMMAND 18 (Mrs K Everington) T Forster 6-11-5 C Llewellyn 82
7 60/P6 LOUGH BROWN 7 (J McCarthy) T Casey 10-11-5 J White 89
8 51- PECTORUS 330 (S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 5-11-5 P Scudamore –
9 0-0 PILGRIMS WAY 13 (BF) (A Weller) J Gifford 6-11-5 D Murphy –
10 00- SCRIVEN BOY 281 (Mrs J Howell) J Edwards 6-11-5 N Williamson –
11 SPUFFINGTON (J Clopet) J Gifford 5-11-5 E Murphy –
12 00-3 STRONG MEDICINE 33 (Dr D Shig) K Bailey 6-11-5 J Railton 89
13 3-04 THE MILLWRIGHT 31 (Mrs R Mills) S Mellor 6-11-5 M Perrett 95
14 0 TREASSOWE MARINER 47 (D Humphreys) A Moore 5-11-5 G Moore –
15 F50/ WODEHOUSE 808 (M Stevens) J Bosley 8-11-5 M Bosley –
16 00-5 ATTYBE 34 (J Dalton) J Dalton 6-11-0 W McFarland –
17 1456 CLEEVELAND LADY 9 (G) (Mrs P Ralch) W G M Turner 5-11-0 D Tegg –
18 3-4 SEDGE WARBLER 68 (Mrs P Robeson) O Sherwood 6-11-0 M Richards 96
19 000-PP STORMY SUNSET 8 (Mrs J Daniels) W Daniels 6-11-0 N Hawke –
20 4422F-6 WILL SHE WONT SHE 70 (Mrs C Argeband) R Frost 7-11-0 J Frost 92

BETTING: 3-1 Pectorus, 4-1 Cantoris Frater, Balzac Boy, 6-1 Sedge Warbler, 7-1 Dan De Lyon, Factor Ten, 8-1 Pilgrims Way, 14-1 Strong Medicine, 15-1 Will She Wont She, 20-1 others.

1992: THE SLATER 7-11-6 B Clifford (7-2) W G M Turner 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALZAC BOY 12l 2nd of 5 to Peacemen in a novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft). CANTORIS FRATER 9¾l 3rd of 14 to Grand Hawk in a novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, good). FACTOR TEN 4¾l 3rd of 17 to Danos Colleagues in a National Hunt flat race at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to soft). FIRST COMMAND 50l 4th of 9 to Stormhead in a novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy), with STORMY SUNSET tailed off when pulled up before 2 out. PECTORUS beat Natasha's Run 6l in a 12-runner National Hunt flat race at Downpatrick (2m 3f, soft). STRONG MEDICINE 22l 3rd of 18 to Riva in a novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, soft). SEDGE WARBLER 16l 4th of 17 to Martin's Lamp in a novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, soft).
Selection: CANTORIS FRATER

1.20 JAMBOREE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,637: 2m) (15 runners)

1 1-64010 NOBLE INSIGHT 12 (D,F,G,S) (Insight Cartons Ltd) M Pipe 6-12-0 M Foster 93
2 BP8008 REDGRAVE GIRL 49 (CD,F,G,S) (W Davies) K Bishop 11-11-7 D Hobbs (6) –
3 24F1-U1 HIGH BARON 13 (CD,F,S) (R Alner) R Alner 6-11-5 M Hourigan 99
4 /341/00 VODKA FIZZ 12 (D,S) (D Richardson Horse Racing Ltd) J Gifford 8-11-6 P Hide –
5 F14/1- JALINGO 334 (D,G,S) (Mrs A Shelton) P Makin 6-11-5 B Clifford 86
6 300/U4-P COCK A LEEKIE 19 (F) (P Williams) D Barons 10-11-5 R Davis 80
7 0500FU MUSIC BOX 7 (D,G,S) (Miss R Dobson) R Hodges 7-11-0 T Thompson (3) –
8 133-531 MACEDONAS 5 (D,S) (Mrs B Mead) T Casey 5-11-0 (6ex) R Greene 96
9 0036-50 PRESENT TIMES 13 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Green) A Moore 7-10-9 D Salter (3) 95
10 34U412 SHARPGUN 24 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Russell) A Moore 7-10-7 J Clarke (3) 89
11 560016 THE HIDDEN CITY 31 (D,S) (Mrs D Potter) C Trietline 7-10-8 W Marston 92
12 /0/8210 RIBOVINO 17 (CD,F,G,S) (P Jones) P Jones 10-10-1 D Leahy 93
13 10-0265 KALZARI 9 (D,G) (D Deacon) D Deacon 8-10-0 D Meredith 80
14 300-42 SHOW THE FLAG 27 (Mrs D Hyman) K Bailey 5-10-0 J McCarthy 86
15 550/P SPRING FLIGHT 19 (D,S) (Mrs P Donald) G Charles-Jones 10-10-0 D Meade (3) –

Long handicap: Kalzari 9-3, Show The Flag 9-2, Spring Flight 9-0.

BETTING: 9-4 Noble Insight, 7-2 High Baron, 5-1 Show The Flag, 6-1 Macedonas, 8-1 Jalingo, Sharpgun, 10-1 Present Times, 12-1 Ribovino, The Hidden City, 16-1 others.

1992: SOCIETY GUEST 6-10-6 D Fort (7-1) A Turnell 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

NOBLE INSIGHT beat Hashar 2½l in an 11-runner handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to soft). HIGH BARON beat South Sands a neck in a 16-runner handicap hurdle Exeter (2m 2f, soft). JALINGO beat Hats High 1l in a 12-runner handicap hurdle at Windsor last February (2m, good). MACEDONAS beat Tiahool 10l in a 12-runner conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft). SHARPGUN 15l 2nd of 6 to Prosequendo in a conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy). THE HIDDEN CITY beat Alosaili 1½l in a 15-runner selling hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good). RIBOVINO beat Debt Of Honour ½l in a 14-runner conditional jockeys' selling handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft). SHOW THE FLAG 12l 2nd of 8 to Royal Piper in a novice handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, heavy).
Selection: MACEDONAS

1.50 LILLO LUMB CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,224: 3m 1f 110yd) (17 runners)

1 233-3P0 THE LEGGETT 8 (F,G,S) (A Ford) M Pipe 10-12-0 R Bellamy 93
2 1102-F3 AUCTION LAW 19 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs B Gillies) D Barons 9-11-2 D Tegg 86
3 4P-1152 SUNBEAM TALBOT 28 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Legonbo) A Jones 12-10-12 G Upton 94
4 0465-46 MISTER CHRISTIAN 60 (B,D,G,S) (C Partnership) P Nicholls 12-10-8 M A Fitzgerald 93
5 F-14252 ROSCOE HARVEY 35 (D,F,G,S) (J Rhys Harris) C Brooks 11-10-7 G Bradley 89
6 1P-PF54 BRONZE FINAL 43 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs J Musson) J Gifford 10-10-7 P Hide (7) –
7 1F2F-P1 JUST MOSS 24 (G,S) (C Poore) R Rowe 7-10-5 R Dunwoody 93
8 11222-8 CLEVER SHEPHERD 9 (D,F,G) (M Lockyer) P Hobbs 8-10-5 Peter Hobbs 93
9 P14021 YOUNG HUSTLER 10 (C,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-5 (5ex) P Scudamore 99
10 2-3232P CHANCERY BUCK 54 (CD,F,G) (I Jones) G Balding 10-10-4 J Frost 85
11 313-F10 GLEN CHERRY 13 (F,G) (G Phillips) T Forster 7-10-3 C Llewellyn 85
12 35-05UP BEAU CHARM 28 (D,G,S) (Ultimate Racing Ltd) J Gifford 9-10-2 D Murphy 90
13 303-6P1 BERESFORDS GIRL 29 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs J Spielman) P Murphy 8-10-0 E Byrne 87
14 1PF-546 CAME DOWN 19 (C,G,S) (Mrs M Martin) R Hodges 10-10-0 A Tory 79
15 F51U-4F GUNNER STREAM 26 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Sims) P Murphy 9-10-0 E Murphy 83
16 B33-11P POWDER BOY 35 (BF,F,G) (D Harford) Mrs J Dawe 8-10-0 N Dawe 81
17 3F2225 HEIGHT OF FUN 50 (D,F,S) (A Staple) C Popham 9-10-0 S McNeill 83

Long handicap: Beresfords Girl 9-11, Came Down 9-9, Gunner Stream 9-7, Powder Boy 9-4, Height Of Fun 9-1.

BETTING: 4-1 Young Hustler, 5-1 Just Moss, 6-1 Auction Law, Clever Shepherd, 7-1 Sunbeam Talbot, Roscoe Harvey, 8-1 Glen Cherry, 10-1 Powder Boy, The Leggett, 12-1 Beresfords Girl, 14-1 Height Of Fun, 20-1 others.

1992: FENCE JUDGE 10-10-6 C Llewellyn (10-1) T Forster 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

AUCTION LAW 12l 3rd of 9 to Rushing Wild in a handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft). SUNBEAM TALBOT 8l 2nd of 10 to Stirrup Cup in a handicap chase at Nottingham (3m 3f 110yd, soft), with GUNNER STREAM behind when fell 2 out. ROSCOE HARVEY 7l 2nd of 5 to Rifle Range in a handicap chase at Haydock (2m 4f, soft). JUST MOSS beat Diamond Fort 12l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Lingfield (3m, heavy). CLEVER SHEPHERD 2¾l 3rd of 9 to Gutturn's Nephew in a handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, soft), with THE LEGGETT 41l 7th. YOUNG HUSTLER'S best effort was when 7l 2nd of 4 to Barton Bank in a novice chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, soft). CHANCERY BUCK 2l 2nd of 6 to Kentish Piper in a handicap chase at Stratford (2m 5f 110yd, good). GLEN CHERRY beat Rehab Venture 2l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, good). BERESFORDS GIRL beat Pop Song 2l in a 14-runner handicap chase at Exeter (2m 7f 110yd, soft). POWDER BOY beat HEIGHT OF FUN (5lb better off) 2½l in a handicap chase at Taunton (3m, good), with ROSCOE HARVEY (17lb better off) 17l 5th.
Selection: YOUNG HUSTLER

2.20 CORSCOMBE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,998: 2m 6f) (23 runners)

1 566-140 DURRINGTON 13 (S) (Mrs S Elphick) M Bolton 7-11-12 T Grantham 89
2 2-16 RUSSELL DALUS 19 (S) (Watership Down Racing) S Sherwood 6-11-12 J Osborne 99
3 /P45-01 BRAIDA BOY 27 (S) (M Bradstock) M Bradstock 7-11-6 M P Fitzgerald (7) 87
4 46- CASTLE BLUE 255 (BF) (R Parish) N Henderson 6-11-6 R Dunwoody –
5 0/4-0F FORT DIANA 55 (C Poore) P Hobbs 7-11-6 Peter Hobbs –
6 2-P0 HONEST FRED 37 (Mrs E Holloway) J Edwards 7-11-6 N Williamson –
7 24F34/0 KIWI L'EGLISE 70 (M Thom) D Barons 7-11-6 N Hawke –
8 00 LE DENSTAN 31 (S Powell) P Hedger 5-11-6 M Richards –
9 4003-02 MEDRONHEIRA 160 (R Grant) R Hodges 8-11-6 T Thompson (7) –
10 23-64 MOST RICH 35 (BF) (Mrs D Padfield) T Forster 5-11-6 H Davies 80
11 P MR FLANAGAN 12 (Mrs S Stanley) C Brooks 7-11-6 G Bradley –
12 33200-0 PROUD DRIFTER 12 (D Macfarlane & I Scott) K Bailey 6-11-6 A Tory –
13 50 PRUSSIAN GUARD 28 (G Brown) Mrs J Retter 7-11-6 D Salter (7) 75
14 0 RED BEAVER 33 (Mrs J Hooker) P Hedger 5-11-6 I Lawrence –
15 04PS- WALDORF T BEAGLE 316 (S Astaire) C Egerton 7-11-6 J White 76
16 6 WOODLANDS BOY 44 (S Moore) T Etherington 5-11-6 B Clifford (3) –
17 /P/04-FP APARECIDA 19 (Mrs M Connell) T Hallett 7-11-1 W McFarland –
18 32SU4 BEAUTIFUL DREAM 9 (Duckhaven Stud) R Baker 5-11-1 R Farrant (5) 92
19 0 CADOLIVE 36 (L Bath) G Ham 5-11-1 B Powell –
20 0- GLEN LUSS 377 (Fiona Lady Arran) C Egerton 6-11-1 C Llewellyn –
21 P GULL POND 9 (Mrs D Purdie) R Hodges 5-11-1 W Irvine –
22 LUCKY MAY (C Raymond) Mrs J Dawe 6-11-1 N Dawe –
23 0055-6 RINANNA BAY 56 (H Perry) K Bishop 6-11-1 R Greene (3) –

BETTING: 4-6 Russell Dalus, 5-1 Braida Boy, 6-1 Castle Blue, 8-1 Medronheira, 10-1 Fort Diana, Most Rich, 14-1 others.

1992: JADIDH 4-10-3 B Clifford (10-1) Miss J Thorne 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

DURRINGTON 11¾l 4th of 12 to Special Account in a novice hurdle at Worcester on penultimate start (3m, soft). RUSSELL DALUS beat Beauchamp Express 3½l in an 11-runner novice hurdle at Haydock on penultimate start (2m, soft). BRAIDA BOY beat Missy 5l in an 8-runner conditional jockeys' novice handicap hurdle at Fakenham (2m 5f, good to soft). CASTLE BLUE 15l 4th of 24 to Turning Trix in a National Hunt flat race at Cheltenham last season (2m, good). Makes hurdling debut. MOST RICH 14l 4th of 13 to Amtrak Express in a novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft). BEAUTIFUL DREAM 15¾l 4th of 18 to La Princesse in a novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 6f, soft).
Selection: RUSSELL DALUS

2.50 JOHN BULL CHASE (£5,182: 2m 5f) (5 runners)

1 5134-36 DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 19 (D,F,G,S) (R Baines) K Bailey 11-11-10 A Tory 99
2 260-343 ESPY 38 (V,F,G,S) (R A Bott (Wigmore St) Ltd) C Brooks 10-11-10 G Bradley 71
3 /212/2P- GARRISON SAVANNAH 418 (B,C,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-10 M Pitman 80
4 111F8-3 SABIN DU LOIR 12 (CD,F,G,S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 14-11-10 P Scudamore 89
5 25/1121- RYDE AGAIN 325 (F,G,S) (Miss J Hayward) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-2 M Pitman 76

BETTING: 2-1 Docklands Express, 5-2 Ryde Again, 3-1 Sabin Du Loir, 6-1 Espy, 12-1 Garrison Savannah.

1992: TOBY TOBIAS 10-11-10 M Pitman (1-3 fav) Mrs J Pitman 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 54½l 6th of 8 to The Fellow in the grade I King George VI Chase at Kempton (3m, good to soft). Last season 1l 3rd of 8 to Cool Ground in the grade I Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup on penultimate start (3m 2f, good). ESPY 27l 3rd of 5 to Twin Oaks in a chase at Haydock (3m, soft). GARRISON SAVANNAH, lightly-raced since winning the 1991 Gold Cup, 2l 2nd of 4 to Foyle Fisherman in a handicap chase at Wincanton on penultimate run last season (3m 1f, good to firm). SABIN DU LOIR 31¾l 3rd of 8 to Another Coral in a handicap at Newbury (2m 4f, soft). Completed treble last season when beating Nortons Coin 4l in the 4-runner grade II Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon (2m 4f, good). RYDE AGAIN beat Riverside Boy 5l in 17-runner a novice chase at Leicester (3m, good).
Selection: DOCKLANDS EXPRESS

3.20 EBF BLACKMORE VALE MARES NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,872: 2m) (9 runners)

1 223F-P2 DUO DROM 30 (D,G) (F Haggas) Mrs D Haine 8-11-11 D Murphy 91
2 41/323 ROYAL WONDER 52 (B,D,BF,F,G) (B Wason) M Pipe 7-11-10 P Scudamore –
3 2P452 PRUDENT PEGGY 9 (Mrs J McCormack) R Frost 6-10-13 J Frost 84
4 345-PP5 RECIDIVIST 49 (B,D,F) (Mrs S Perry) R Hodges 7-10-13 A Tory 97
5 P66P-F0 KEE KEE'S DREAM 31 (Mrs L Tong) F Jordan 9-10-13 J Lodder –
6 6/P40 LADY BLIZZARD 5 (A Mason) A Mason 11-10-13 Lorna Vincent 80
7 80/5U6-F DUBACILLA 35 (Mrs V Cole) H Cole 7-10-13 S Burrough 99
8 P05605 BUSTLING AROUND 27 (J Long) J Bosley 6-10-13 M Bosley –
9 /330/PU DOREEN'S PRIDE 19 (Mrs M Morgan) P Murphy 7-10-13 E Byrne –

BETTING: 15-8 Duo Drom, 11-4 Royal Wonder, 9-2 Dubacilla, 11-2 Prudent Peggy, 10-1 Doreen's Pride, 12-1 Lady Blizzard, 16-1 others.

1992: CAME DOWN 9-11-8 A Tory (7-2) R Hodges 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

DUO DROM 2l 2nd of 8 to Lutteriore in a novice chase at Folkestone (2m 5f, good to soft). ROYAL WONDER 5¾l 3rd of 8 to Super Richard in a handicap hurdle at Wolverhampton (2m 7f, soft). Makes chasing debut. PRUDENT PEGGY has run over hurdles since finishing 21l 4th of 7 to Ballyroe Lady in a novice chase here in November (2m 5f, good), with RECIDIVIST pulled up. LADY BLIZZARD 21¾l 4th of 15 to Decab in a novice chase at Ludlow on penultimate start (2m, good to soft).
Selection: DUO DROM

3.50 SPETTISBURY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Div II: £1,939: 2m) (19 runners)

1 151 AMTRAK EXPRESS 35 (D,G,S) (Amtrak Ltd) N Henderson 6-11-11 J Kavanagh 87
2 3-11 OATIS REGRETS 31 (D,S) (D Gyle-Thompson) Miss H Knight 5-11 11 J Osborne 99
3 P BALLINAMOE 105 (Mrs M Graves) R Buckler 8-11-5 Peter Hobbs –
4 CELTIC LAIRD (Mrs E Hitching) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5 M Pitman –
5 040 CHARLIE ATLAS 26 (C Ellis) S Mellor 5-11-5 M Perrett –
6 023/ COTSWOLD CASTLE 598 (G Brown) R Dickin 7-11-5 B Powell –
7 66 DOROBO 51 (Lady Lewinton) T Forster 5-11-5 C Llewellyn 73
8 P0F3-40 FEARLESS FRED 13 (D Fisher) Mrs J Retter 6-11-5 M A Fitzgerald 80
9 0-0P FRANK RICH 57 (BF) (The F R Syndicate) S Sherwood 6-11-5 M Richards –
10 GREEN'S GAME (M Green) N Mitchell 5-11-5 G Upton –
11 HOLD IM TIGHT (S Cohn) R Frost 5-11-5 J Frost –
12 P-F KINGSTHORPE 72 (M Jones) G Yardley 5-11-5 D Leahy (5) –
13 RIFFLE (Pall-mall Partners) J Gifford 6-11-5 D Murphy –
14 P/255-34 ROCKET LAUNCHER 56 (W O'Gorman) D Elsworth 7-11-5 P Holley 92
15 P- STOP ON RED 269 (M Ledbury) A Chamberlain 6-11-5 S McNeill –
16 5 TOP BRASS 26 (Top Brass Partnership) K Bailey 5-11-5 A Tory 78
17 13-05 WINTER SQUALL 88 (D,S) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 5-11-5 R Dunwoody –
18 004-3 MARY'S MUSIC 19 (R Bracken) Mrs J Dawe 5-11-0 N Dawe –
19 0 MASTER MURPHY 77 (Castle Farm Stud) P Murphy 4-10-7 E Murphy –

BETTING: 7-4 Amtrak Express, 2-1 Oatis Regrets, 6-1 Rocket Launcher, 8-1 Top Brass, 10-1 Celtic Laird, Dorobo, 12-1 Frank Rich, Riffle, Winter Squall, 16-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

AMTRAK EXPRESS beat Kelling 1¾l in 13-runner a novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft). OATIS REGRETS beat Munka 12l in an 18-runner novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to soft). Previously, beat Uranus Collonges 2½l in 20-runner National Hunt flat race at Warwick (2m, good to soft), with AMTRAK EXPRESS (9lb better off) 6¼l 5th and CHARLIE ATLAS 13th. DOROBO 27l 6th of 12 to Sun Surfer in a novice hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good to soft). FRANK RICH, pulled up on hurdling debut, previously 3l 2nd of 20 to Nasal Battle in a National Hunt flat race at Warwick (2m, good to soft), with DOROBO (2lb worse off) 12½l 6th. ROCKET LAUNCHER 12¾l 4th of 13 to Smiling Chief in a novice handicap hurdle over course and distance (good). TOP BRASS 17¾l 5th of 25 to Check Curley in a novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, soft), with CHARLIE ATLAS 14th. WINTER SQUALL 21¾l 5th of 11 to Thumbs Up in a novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft).
Selection: OATIS REGRETS (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Pitman	23	57	40.4	M Pitman	13	29	44.8
M Pipe	29	102	28.4	P Scudamore	25	70	35.7
J Edwards	4	17	23.5	R Dunwoody	30	138	21.7
D Elsworth	22	94	23.4	D Murphy	5	24	20.8
N Twiston-Davies	3	13	23.1	R Bellamy	3	17	17.6
O Sherwood	8	42	21.4	J Osborne	10	60	16.7

WETHERBY

MANDARIN
12.40 Personal Hazard.
1.10 Bertie Boy.
1.40 Programmed To Win.
2.10 Shoon Wind.
2.40 Nijmegen.
3.10 Candy Tuff.
3.40 Poulstone.

THUNDERER
12.40 Personal Hazard.
1.10 BERTIE BOY (nap).
1.40 Programmed To Win.
2.10 Senator Snugfit.
2.40 Gymcrak Sovereign.
3.10 Candy Tuff.
3.40 Merry Scorpion.

RICHARD EVANS: 2.40 Nijmegen.

GOING: SOFT SIS

12.40 HEALAUGH NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,197: 2m) (12 runners)

1 331 PERSONAL HAZARD 17 (CD,S) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 11-5 L Wyer 99
2 1F5 STE-JEN 103 (BF,G) (S Monaghan) G Moore 11-5 N Bentley (3) 98
3 412F KAYARTIS 17 (S) (Mrs J Allen) Mrs M Reveley 11-0 S Mason (7) 97
4 BLACKWATER PANTHER 10F (Mrs J Jones) C Allen 10-12 J Ryan (3) –
5 P CURTAIN FACTORY 58 (Durham Drapes Ltd) M H Easterby 10-12 R Garritty –
6 50 EXPANSIONIST 17 (O Sobesg-Olsen) Mrs J Ramsden 10-12 Mr S Swiers 83
7 OLLIVER DUCKETT 92F (Lord Zetland) P Calver 10-12 T Reed –
8 066 BILBERRY 26 (N Hetherton) W Elsey 10-7 J J Quinn 97
9 HAMANAKA 87F (Bai-Ooe Racing) M Hammond 10-7 C Grant –
10 HOT PROSPECT 64F (Mrs P Russell) Mrs P Russell 10-7 Mr S Walker (7) –
11 03 PRIDE OF PENDLE 71 (W Imson) B Wilkinson 10-7 Mrs A Farrell 92
12 SERAPHIM 87F (A Gome) T Barron 10-7 Mr A Thornton (5) –

BETTING: 7-4 Personal Hazard, 3-1 Ste-Jen, 9-2 Kayartis, 8-1 Expansionist, 10-1 Bilberry, 14-1 Pride Of Pendle, 16-1 Olliver Duckett, Hamanaka, 20-1 others.

1992: SIGNOR SASSIE 4-11-5 G McCourt (13-8 fav) N Tinkler 11 ran

1.10 WIKE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,002: 2m 5f) (8 runners)

1 2133-63 RED RONDO 26 (F,G,S) (J Pemberton) J Edwards 9-11-10 R Farrant 93
2 F/1114- BERTIE BOY 230 (F,G,S) (Capt W Bulwer-Long) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-8 R Hodge 95
3 P3322-P KILHALLON CASTLE 52 (G,S) (Gainscliffe Racing) G Richards 10-11-7 N Leech 85
4 F6-F454 CHOICE CHALLANGE 38 (B,C,F,G,S) (D Sills) M Hammond 10-11-3 S Lyons 88
5 404440 PACIFIC SOUND 26 (C,G,S) (D Stephenson) Mrs S Smith 10-11-0 A Lamach 99
6 /213/21- MIG 418 (S) (N Mason) N Mason 8-10-12 J Supple (3) 86
7 P-23423 CONCERT PAPER 33 (BF,G,S) (S Hammond) R O'Leary 9-10-10 K Davies (7) 89
8 04/01-PP CONTACT KELVIN 27 (F,G,S) (A Kershaw) N Bycroft 11-10-10 W Dwan 80

BETTING: 6-4 Bertie Boy, 4-1 Red Rondo, 5-1 Kilhallon Castle, 10-1 Mig, 12-1 Pacific Sound, Choice Challenge, 20-1 Concert Paper, Contact Kelvin.

1992: PACIFIC SOUND 9-10-8 J Callaghan (3-1) Mrs S Smith 8 ran

1.40 WHIXLEY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,442: 2m 4f 110yd) (22 runners)

1 0/030-12 PROGRAMMED TO WIN 44 (D,S) (Systemcare Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-7 R Hodge 99
2 46-041B ARDLUSSA BAY 26 (D,S) (Caledonian Racing Club) J Jefferson 5-11-2 N Doughty 79
3 00- BOWLAND CONNECTION 355 (Mrs L Campion) J Eyre 6-11-0 A Mulholland –
4 11/2 HAZLEWOOD GLEN 34 (BF,S) (Mrs S Worthington) T Tate 7-11-0 G McCourt –
5 3-3 HEATHVIEW 34 (J FitzGerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0 P Harley –
6 4/PP- HIGHLAND RALLY 320 (K Hanson) M Avison 6-11-0 T Reed –
7 5- I'M TOBY 303 (D Armitage) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0 M Dwyer –
8 50 KNAYTON PROSPECT 26 (BF) (Mrs J Davenport) M W Easterby 5-11-0 R Garritty –
9 02-825 MARRA'S ROSCOE 29 (Mrs D Hoser) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-0 NON-RUNNER –
10 60-0 MY DAD FRANK 26 (T Hewitt) J Mackie 7-11-0 C Grant –
11 0506 PLUCKY PUNTER 27 (Mrs A Henson) M H Easterby 5-11-0 L Wyer 87
12 5 PRONOUNCED 26 (H Parker) J Edwards 6-11-0 R Farrant (5) –
13 20-0 RING CORBITTS 6 (Equinome Ltd) D Eddy 5-11-0 D Byrne –
14 04- ROYAL QUARRY 302 (T Millward) J Goulding 7-11-0 C Dennis (3) –
15 SCOOBY DOO (V Ogden) Mrs H Bell 6-11-0 Mr S Swiers –
16 0/0P- SOVIET RUN 253 (F Hanson) M Hammond 6-11-0 D Bentley (5) –
17 STRATHBOGIE MIST (W Sellers) J Parkes 5-11-0 N Smith –
18 0 HANDY VENTURE 34 (R Bethell) B Rothwell 5-10-9 B Storey –
19 KINGS DAWN (N Cacilch) G Fleming 5-10-9 M Brennan –
20 00P- MIDORI 284 (Mrs A Tomkinson) Mrs A Tomkinson 5-10-9 P Midgley (5) –
21 00-333 MISS SHAW 35 (Mrs R Jones) E Owen jun 7-10-9 A Lamach (5) 70
22 00-000 THOR STONE 26 (A Jennings) E Owen jun 5-10-9 D Ryan (7) 65

BETTING: 5-4 Programmed To Win, 9-2 Hazlewood Glen, 7-1 Ardlussa Bay, 10-1 Heathview, 12-1 I'm Toby, 14-1 Miss Shaw, 16-1 others.

1992: COULTON 5-11-7 G McCourt (5-2 fav) M W Easterby 15 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Richards	26	116	22.4	L Wyer	25	112	22.3
J Mackie	7	32	21.9	G McCourt	21	97	21.6
Jimmy Fitzgerald	20	92	21.7	M Dwyer	30	169	17.8
Mrs M Reveley	16	74	21.6	Mr S Swiers	7	41	17.1
M Hammond	11	58	19.0	A S Smith	5	30	16.7
K Morgan	10	53	18.9	C Grant	23	170	13.5

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.10 KESWICK HANDICAP CHASE (£3,655: 3m 110yd) (5 runners)

1 1P134-5 DEEP COLONIST 12 (D,G,S) (Ashpek Racing) T Tate 11-11-10 G McCourt 92
2 21FP-41 SHOON WIND 47 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Scholey) M Hammond 10-11-5 C Grant 99
3 1213-2P SENATOR SNUGFIT 5 (BF,CD,G,S) (A Greenwood) M W Easterby 8-11-2 R Garritty 94
4 1F11-22 PADAVENTURE 51 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs J Fulton) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-9 L Wyer 98
5 PU55PU HANDY TRICK 27 (B,CD,F,G,S) (V Ugaan) Mrs H Bell 12-10-0 C Dennis (3) –

BETTING: 9-4 Shoon Wind, 11-4 Padaventure, 3-1 Senator Snugfit, 5-1 Deep Colonist, 25-1 Handy Trick.

1992: GAMBLING ROYAL 9-10-12 R Dunwoody (10-11 fav) P Nicholson 5 ran

2.40 COWTHORPE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,125: 2m) (15 runners)

1 003110- FOX CHAPEL 255 (D,G) (K Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-10 D Byrne 86
2 12P-321 NIJMEGEN 27 (D,S) (J FitzGerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-6 M Dwyer 97
3 001-P0 VALMARANDA 105 (D,S) (Lady Cinemas Ltd) D Moffatt 6-11-3 D J Moffatt (5) –
4 11114-0 GYMCRAK SOVEREIGN 6 (D,S) (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Racing) M H Easterby 5-11-2 R Garritty 91
5 12/1-050 PAPERWORK BOY 54 (CD,G) (P Sellicare) M H Easterby 8-11-2 L Wyer 95
6 5-54520 WEST WITH THE WIND 6 (D,F,G) (J Watson) M Dods 6-10-12 B Storey 92
7 3126P-P SOME DO NOT 50 (D,F,S) (J Lis) W Storey 9-10-9 K Doolan –
8 2235-62 SHAFFIC 34 (F Dawson-Brown) M Hammond 6-10-8 J Callaghan 90
9 41 COMSTOCK 33 (D,G) (Dale Stanfields Ltd) N Tinkler 6-10-6 C Grant 89
10 4412-P0 CAMDEN KNIGHT 50 (D,G) (D Pickles) N Bycroft 8-10-3 R Hodge 99
11 1/6-5 DEMOKOS 28F (D,F) (D Walsh) A Stringer 8-10-0 A Orkney –
12 2-60130 DANCING HOLLY 44 (G) (R Wood) R Wood 6-10-0 C Woodall (7) 59
13 0085-00 ALBERT THE GREAT 65 (D,F,G) (I Rodden) Mrs S Taylor 10-10-0 G Harker 88
14 P66120- BOLGHERI 304 (D,S) (Lady Susan Watson) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-0 R Collins (7) 93
15 /P3/640 SAINTLY PATH 12 (S) (J Huddleston) W Reed 10-10-0 T Reed 77

Long handicap: Demokos 9-13, Dancing Holly 9-13, Albert The Great 9-10, Bolgheri 9-0, Saintly Path 5-12.

BETTING: 7-2 Nijmegen, 9-2 Gymcrak Sovereign, 5-1 Shaffic, 7-1 Comstock, 8-1 Fox Chapel, 10-1 West With The Wind, 12-1 Camden Knight, 14-1 others.

1992: KANNDABIL 5-11-7 G McCourt (9-1) N Tinkler 12 ran

3.10 COLLINGHAM NOVICES CHASE (£3,262: 3m 110yd) (13 runners)

1 4111-21 CANDY TUFF 12 (F,G,S) (G Stevenson) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-11 L Wyer 95
2 2121F0 HABTON WHIN 28 (G) (C Stevens) M H Easterby 7-11-11 R Garritty 89
3 06401P PIPER O'DRUMMOND 12 (S) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-11 A Merrigan 84
4 35 DEVONGALE 6 (Victor Ogden) Mrs H Bell 7-11-5 G McCourt 83
5 /5001P HALLBOROUGH 17 (W Ibsom) Mrs P Barker 8-11-5 S Turner –
6 /P/05PU KILCLOONEY FORREST 34 (K Dockery) Mrs S Smith 11-11-5 A Lamach (5) 64
7 F411-50 POLAR REGION 34 (F,G) (C Marner) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-5 M Dwyer –
8 54-342F RIDWAN 34 (S) (T Barr) K Morgan 6-11-5 A S Smith 86
9 02F SANDY ANDY 28 (T Summerfield) K Oliver 7-11-5 C Grant 84
10 026224 VAYRUA 26 (G,S) (J Hellens) J Hellens 8-11-5 A Orkney 99
11 U533/3 WAR HEAD 841 (J Hinchliffe) M Hammond 10-11-5 J Callaghan –
12 245-322 ZAM BEE 82 (N Green) W Reed 7-11-5 T Reed 89
13 06-323P LADY REMAINDER 25 (G,S) (Hugh Bourn Ltd) B Rothwell 6-11-0 B Storey 93

BETTING: 4-5 Candy Tuff, 4-1 Habton Whin, 8-1 Polar Region, 10-1 Ridwan, 12-1 Vayrua, 14-1 Kilclooney Forrest, 16-1 others.

1992: SENATOR SNUGFIT 7-11-12 R Dunwoody (6-4 fav) M W Easterby 8 ran

3.40 WETHERBY BUMPER
(National Hunt flat race: £1,786: 2m) (20 runners)

1 01 EASBY JOKER 34 (S) (G Orchard) S Kettlewell 5-12-0 N Bentley (3) –
2 21 POULSTONE 13 (S) (A Parker) J Edwards 5-12-0 Mr T Jenks (7) –
3 BERVIE HOUSE (Mrs B Kearney) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-7 R Hodge –
4 CORN EXCHANGE (Mrs C Brown) T Caldwell 5-11-7 Mr D McCain (5) –
5 CRONKSBANK (Mrs A Stevenson) L Lungo 5-11-7 F Perratt (7) –
6 EASY RHYTHM (B Temple) B Temple 6-11-7 D Bentley (5) –
7 FIDDLER'S DRUM (D Hanson) G Richards 6-11-7 B Harding (7) –
8 JUST WOODY (B Temple) B Temple 5-11-7 G Twomey (7) –
9 SYD GREEN (Mrs L Woodward) R Fisher 5-11-7 A Lamach (5) –
10 TOBIN BRONZE (I Bray) M Hammond 6-11-7 S Lyons (5) –
11 VULPIN DE LAUGERE (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-7 J Burke (7) –
12 LITTLE BROMLEY (A Eubank) A Eubank 6-11-2 Mr R Hale (7) –
13 MISS VAGABOND (J FitzGerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-2 W Dwan (5) –
14 PYEWACKET (Capt F Jacobsen) N Tinkler 5-11-2 J Driscoll (7) –
15 JET JOCKEY (J McManamon) R Spicer 4-10-10 V Slattery (5) –
16 JUST CHARLIE (C Spence) M W Easterby 4-10-10 Mr S Walker (7) –
17 MERRY SCORPION (T Marlow) E Owen jun 4-10-10 D Ryan (7) –
18 UCKERBY MOOR (W Barker) W Barker 4-10-10 C Dennis (3) –
19 WABWOM (Sober Partners) J Glover 4-10-10 S D Williams (3) –
20 LOCH SCAVAIG (Mrs G Turnbull) D Moffatt 4-10-5 D J Moffatt (5) –

BETTING: 3-1 Poulstone, 5-1 Bervie House, 9-2 Easby Joker, 7-1 Miss Vagabond, 8-1 Pyewacket, 12-1 Wabwom, 14-1 Loch Scavaig, Tobin Bronze, Merry Scorpion, 16-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Southwell

Going: standard

1.00 (2m hdle) 1, ANTIGUAN FLYER (S Smith Eccles, 5-2 fav), 2, Yaakum (S Keightley, 20-1); 3, Auction King (S Turner, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Cosmic Future (4th), Silky Siren, 5 Firefighter (6th), 12 The Titan Ghost, 16 Court Circular (ur), Brotherlyaffection, 20 Our Man In Havana, Ferman, Lord Neptune, 33 Faustnluce Lady (pu), Tancred Grange, 50 Paper Clip (5th). 15 ran. 2l, 15l, 10l, 2½l, nk. J Bostock, Swaffham. Tote: £3.20; £1.50, £4.20, £9.10. DF: £96.50. CSF: £55.76.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, GLOSSY (T Wall, 33-1); 2, Tip It In (S Turner, 13-2); 3, Keep Sharp (D Towler, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Cheeky Pot, 5 The Holy Golfer, 7 Ackers Wood (pu), 8 Dolly Prices, 9 Weekday Cross, 10 Boys Rocks, 14 Charlyoia (4th), Patsy's Pet (6th), 20 Another Earl (f), 33 Solemn Melody (pu), Time Slot (5th), 50 Prospect Of Whitby. 15 ran. 7l, 7l, 2½l, 6l, 1½l. B McMahon at Tamworth. Tote: £42.80; £8.30, £2.50, £11.60. DF: £59.80. CSF: £240.28. Tricast: £2,919.18.

2.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, GREENHILLS PRIDE (R Dunwoody, 5-1); 2, Vicoe Bay (T Wall, 12-1); 3, Silver Strings (R Greene, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Charlie's Darling (pu), 8 Straight Gold (pu), Solid (4th), 9 Urshi-Jade (5th), 12 Spin (ur), 16 Touch 'N' Pass, 20 Cheghatal, 25 Gina's Choice (f), Ralye Stripe (pu), 33 Cadford Balarina (6th), Dare Dago. 14 ran. Sh hd, 5l, 8l, sh hd, 1½l. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £5.00; £2.00, £4.90, £3.00. DF: £13.80. CSF: £67.66. No bid.

2.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, HARD TO HOLD (Mr A Hambly, 2-1 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Billion Melody (Judy Davies, 25-1); 3, Belpenal (D Wilkinson, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Hiram B Birdbath, 11-2 Kovalevskia (4th), 7 Mandika (6th), 8 Temporale, 12 High Finance, 14 Rain-N-Sun, 20 Tarmon (pu), 25 Holt Place (5th), Playful Juliet, Locherne, 33 Warriors Code. 14 ran. 7l, 2½l, nk, 12l, ½l. A Hambly at Southwell. Tote: £3.70; £1.30, £9.30, £5.10. DF: £52.50. CSF: £50.70. Tricast: £784.99.

3.00 (2m 6f hdle) 1, IN DEEP WATER (N Williamson, 5-1); 2, Wayward Edward (D Telfer, 20-1), 3, Fling In Spring (J Puffin, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Andrews Minstrel (f), 3 River Red (f), 4 Portknockie (f), 8 Louis Farrell (5th), 14 Touch Of Elegance (pu), 25 Bully Pringle (pu), Finky Dinky Doo (4th), 33 Pastrel (pu), 50 Road To The Weir (pu). 12 ran. NR: Gen-Tech. 7l, dist, 5l, ½l. D Wintle at Westbury-on-Severn. Tote: £8.10; £2.70, £5.30, £3.60. DF: £31.20. CSF: £98.69.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, ROPE (B de Haan, 10-1); 2, Mrs Jawleyford (M Ranger, 5-11); 3, Bewin (M Ahern, 7-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Have A Nightcap (5th), 4 Fiery Sun (6th), 10 Caromandoo (4th), 25 African Safari. 7 ran. Nk, 1l, 4l, 1½l, hd. Mrs F Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £7.20; £4.20, £3.60. DF: £24.30. CSF: £58.01. Placepot: £3,382.20.

Blinkered first time

LINGFIELD PARK: 3.00 Treasure Time, Speedy Classic.

□ Blazing Walker, out of action for almost two years, will miss his intended reappearance at Newcastle on Saturday. His comeback is delayed because of a bug in Peter Cheesbrough's yard.

LINGFIELD PARK

MANDARIN
1.00 Annacurragh. 1.30 Kryptos. 2.00 Mrs Dawson. 2.30 Breakdancer. 3.00 Soba Guest. 3.30 Scots Law.

THUNDERER
1.00 Eastleigh. 1.30 Kryptos. 2.00 Excess Baggage. 2.30 Iron Baron. 3.00 Veloce. 3.30 Killick.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW TO MIDDLE NUMBERS BEST

1.00 HOOD APPRENTICE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,521: 1m) (11 runners)

1 01-0 MASRUR 12 (BI) D Marks 4-9-2 S McCarthy (4) 3
2 41-0 EASTLEIGH 10 (CD,S) R Hollinshead 4-8-12 D Carson (4) 8
3 30-5 TRY LEGUARD 5 (C,G) J Moore 4-8-6 D Wright (4) 1
4 020- NORTHERN CONQUEROR 30 (F,G) T Naughton 5-8-5 N Gwilliams 2
5 315- ANNACURRAGH 29 (C) C Hill 4-8-3 A Tucker 4
6 005- WESSEX MILORD 42 J Bennett 8-8-3 Kim McDonnell 9
7 /00- DAL MISS 36 R Peacock 6-8-2 P McCabe (4) 11
8 04-4 NORTH FLYER 13 D Burchell 4-8-2 T Wilson (4) 10
9 000- LAMORE RITORNA 98J (D,G) K Cunningham-Brown 4-7-13 S Drowne 8
10 62- RICH HEIRESS 14 A Moore 4-7-13 B Russell 7
11 600- CASTLE GALAH 231 S Woodman 6-7-12 B Doyle 5

7-4 Annacurragh, 7-2 Try Leguard, 5-1 Eastleigh, Rich Heiress, 6-1 Northern Conqueror, 10-1 North Flyer, 12-1 others.

1.30 ALPINE DOUBLE GLAZING MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,208: 6f) (7)

1 05-6 GREY PRIDE 7 J Berry 9-0 P Roberts (7) 5
2 00- MOUNTAIN SPRING 47 M Usher 9-0 T Williams 1
3 02-2 PIRATES GOLD 7 J White 9-0 Dale Gibson 4
4 004- WATERLORD 85 M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 M Hills 7
5 053- ARAWA 17 D Marks 8-9 S McCarthy (7) 2
6 00-3 BELLE SOIREE 7 (E) S Dow 8-9 A McGlone 6
7 03- KRYPTOS 99 Lord Huntingdon 8-9 J Williams 3

2-1 Kryptos, 9-1 Arawa, 4-1 Grey Pride, 6-1 Pirates Gold, 10-1 Waterlord, 14-1 Belle Soiree, 20-1 Mountain Spring.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Hollinshead, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40.0%; J Berry, 9 from 27, 33.3%; Mrs J Cecil, 3 from 10, 30.0%; Lord Huntingdon, 6 from 24, 25.0%; N Callaghan, 11 from 55, 20.0%; G Lewis, 7 from 36, 19.4%.

JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman, 26 winners from 111 rides, 23.4%; M Hills, 21 from 133, 15.8%; J Williams, 40 from 294, 13.6%; B Doyle 11 from 81, 13.6%. (Only qualifiers)

2.00 WARSPITE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,872: 1m 2f) (8)

1 122- ABSOLUTELY FACT 23 (C) C C Elsey 9-7 J Williams 5
2 51-2 EXCESS BAGGAGE 12 (C) N Callaghan 9-7 M Hills 8
3 42-5 ANN HILL 7 R Hollinshead 8-1 M Humphries (7) 2
4 210- PIPERS REEL 23 (BF) Lord Huntingdon 8-1 Dale Gibson 7
5 05-2 MRS DAWSON 13 (V) J Scargill 7-9 J Quinn 6
6 500- BUZZ-B-BABE 35 B Ellison 7-7 S Wood 1
7 05-4 HOTSOCKS 13 Pat Mitchell 7-7 Kim McDonnell (7) 3
8 00-4 BUCKSKI ECHO 7 T Jones 7-7 G Bardwell 4

5-2 Excess Baggage, 11-4 Mrs Dawson, 4-1 Absolutely Fact, 10-1 Ann Hill, Buckski Echo, 12-1 Buzz-B-Babe 14-1 others.

2.30 RENOWN CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,477: 1m 5f) (10)

1 610/ MAGNUS PYM 26J (F,S) G Balding 8-9-7 D Biggs 9
2 540- MON PETITNAMOUR 84 (S) A Cunningham-Brown 4-9-11 G Bardwell 5
3 10-1 BREAKDANCER 12 (C,F) W Muir 4-9-8 J Williams 7
4 600- MAMALAMA 9J J Bridger 5-8-8 Rachel Bridger (7) 3
5 560- PLEASURE AHEAD 30 (C) A Moore 6-8-7 Kim McDonnell (7) 10
6 000/ SONEETO 65J S Woodman 7-8-7 M Hills 1
7 /4-2 LYPH 12 P Hedger 7-8-5 S Dawson 4
8 450/ SALIC DANCE 9J G Ham 5-8-5 A Dicks 6
9 23-0 IRON BARON 13 (G,S) R Hollinshead 4-8-4 A Garth (5) 8
10 040- NASEER 14 (G) N Callaghan 4-7-12 T Williams 2

9-4 Breakdancer, 7-2 Lyph, 4-1 Iron Baron, Naseer, 10-1 Magnus Pym, 12-1 Pleasure Ahead, 14-1 others.

3.00 REPULSE HANDICAP (£2,633: 6f) (11)

1 030- NORTH ESK 92J (F) D Wilson 4-10-0 M Tebbutt 10
2 04-2 SOBA GUEST 13 (F,G,S) J Berry 4-9-7 Emma O'Gorman (3) 1
3 100- TREASURE TIME 14 (B,F) J White 4-9-6 Dale Gibson 8
4 40-4 VELOCE 7 (B,F) A Bailey 5-9-2 J Quinn 2
5 401- ROCKBOURNE 107 (D,G) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-1 M Hills 7
6 435- SAMSOLOM 17 (F) J Balding 5-9-1 J Williams 9
7 50-3 HONEY VISION 13 (B) G Eden 4-8-13 G Bardwell 5
8 00-5 JOVIAL KATE 13 (C,D) B Ellison 6-8-13 S Wood 6
9 003- SAVALARO 14 (S) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-8-10 T Williams 3
10 000- SPEEDY CLASSIC 14 (B) M Heaton-Ellis 4-7-9 D Wright (7) 11
11 006- PINK'N BLACK 14 (D,F) G Blum 4-7-9 A Garth (5) 4

3-1 Soba Guest, 4-1 Rockbourne, Samsolom, 6-1 North Esk, Veloce, 12-1 Savalaro, 14-1 others.

3.30 NELSON HANDICAP (£2,544: 1m) (9)

1 6-03 SARUM 5 (CD,F) C Wildman 7-9-13 Dale Gibson 3
2 055- BUDDY'S FRIEND 26 (D,F) R Williams 5-9-6 M Hills 2
3 166- SAREEN EXPRESS 45 (CD) Mrs J Dawe 5-9-5 G Bardwell 6
4 050/ PRECIOUS CAROLINE 467 P Cundell 5-9-5 W Woods 7
5 113- KILLICK 26 (CD,BF) R Peacock 5-9-3 J Quinn 8
6 31-1 SCOTS LAW 5 (B,CD,F) R O'Sullivan 6-9-1 (5ex) D Biggs 4
7 52-3 LOOTING 7 (C,F,G,S) M Usher 7-8-7 Kim McDonnell (7) 9
8 005- INDIAN MOHAWK 100 M Muggeridge 5-7-12 T Williams 1
9 005- DANCING SENSATION 29 (B,F) J Wharton 6-7-11 J Fanning 5

9-4 Scots Law, 7-2 Killick, 5-1 Sarum, 6-1 Buddy's Friend, 8-1 Sareen Express, 10-1 Dancing Sensation, 12-1 others.

Newnes cleared to resume

BILLY Newnes was yesterday given the all-clear to ride for the first time in five months following an eye injury sustained in Germany last August. Newnes suffered a detached retina of his left eye when his mount reared up during a race at Hoppegarten, Berlin.

"I've made a complete recovery," said Newnes, who will ride out this morning for Lambourn trainer Charlie Elsey.

Newnes aims to make his British comeback at Lingfield's all-weather fixture on February 18, although he may first ride in Germany.

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Everton return to relegation issues

Defeat condemns Kendall to bleak finish to the season

By Louise Taylor

HOWARD Kendall has nothing to look forward to this season, bar a possible fight against relegation, after his team's 2-1 defeat by Wimbledon in their third round FA Cup replay at Goodison Park on Tuesday night.

The Everton manager's team is out of both domestic cup competitions, having been eliminated from the Coca-Cola Cup last month, and are languishing in seventeenth position in the Premier League.

Wimbledon will be away to either Aston Villa or Bristol Rovers — their third-round replay at Twerton Park was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch last night — thanks to goals from Fashanu — celebrating his return after a troublesome back injury, and Earle. Watson replied for Everton but it was too little too late and certainly not sufficient to satisfy a disappointing crowd of 15,000.

With Southall suspended, Kearton, an Australian who had hoped to play for Liverpool but took a wrong turn and ended up at Goodison, made his debut in goal and was at fault for Fashanu's opener.

There were more than 19,000 spectators at Turf Moor and they were euphoric when the second division team, Burnley, took the lead against Sheffield United through Heath, but Deane answered with a headed hat-trick — his first goals since October. Littlejohn then contributed United's fourth before Monington made it 4-2. United will be at home to Hartlepool United in the next round.

Peter Shilton's Plymouth Argyle gained little joy from their trip to Ipswich Town, who won 3-1 to earn a trip to Tranmere Rovers. Castle put Plymouth ahead, only for Thompson, Dozzell and Whitton, with a penalty, to cancel out that advantage.

Last year's losing finalists, Sunderland, prevailed 2-0 at Notts County, who have won only one of their last 15 games. Cunnington and Goodman scored for Sunderland to increase the pressure on Neil Warnock, the County manager who, a year ago, was strongly rumoured to be on the point of becoming manager at Roker Park. Coincidentally, 20 years ago, when Sunderland beat Leeds United at Wembley to win the Cup, they opened their 1973 campaign by overcoming Notts County.

Kenny Dalglish will not have to face his window cleaner in the fourth round. Marine, the non-League club, managed by Roly Howard when he is not cleaning windows in the Southport area where Dalglish has his home, lost 3-1 to Crewe Alexandra. Dario Gradi's side is next at home to Dalglish's Blackburn Rovers.

Swansea City triumphed 5-4 on penalties in a replay at Oxford United — it had been 2-2 after extra-time — and now entertain Grimsby Town. The turnstiles will be clicking at Rotherham United. They are due a fourth-round visit from Newcastle United — their reward for winning 1-0 at Northampton Town.

In the first division, Swindon Town drew 0-0 at home to Birmingham City. Birmingham had Gayle sent off after an altercation with Taylor.

FA CUP

Bristol clubs rained off

THE FA Cup third-round replay between Bristol Rovers and Aston Villa, due to be played last night, had to be postponed because of a waterlogged pitch and will now take place next Wednesday.

The decision that the pitch at Twerton Park was unplayable was made by the match referee, Martin Bodenham, after a morning inspection.

Luton Town's managing director, David Kohler, was among an army of volunteers who joined groundstaff in a vain attempt to clear floodwater from the pitch at Kenilworth Road in time to allow the third-round tie against Bristol City to go ahead.

The match, eventually called off two hours before the scheduled kick-off time, will also be played next Wednesday.

The Autoglass Trophy match between Stoke City and Barnet also fell victim to the weather.



Back on target: Deane ends his goal famine with a hat-trick against Burnley

TABLE TENNIS

Confusion leads to bickering over disputed glue rule

By Richard Eaton

ENGLAND'S 4-2 victory over Holland at St Austell on Tuesday was notable less for ensuring safety in the super division of the European League but for the several hours of acrimony over the glue ban. It took from breakfast until after lunch to agree what the rule should actually be, with the Dutch coach, Li Gishu, briefly threatening that his team would not take part.

During the match there were suspicions that some players might have chested and used illegal "fast glues", providing an unfair advantage in the speed of ball off bat. It even appeared from gestures that one English player might have been accusing his opponent of just this.

What is certain is that the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) has left national associations with an almost insoluble dilemma in trying to administer the rule, imposed suddenly before Christmas because of reports of serious health hazards, while the movement to abandon it grows.

There are rumours that the Germans are considering allowing "fast glues" in the European Nations Cup in Karlsruhe starting tomorrow, and the professional players' association, the CTTP, has reportedly written to the ITTF asking for the permanent reinstatement of fast glues. This is undesirable, and unlikely, because the report from the Scottish chemist, Keith Powell, made clear that the nastiest of the fast glues create the risk of cancer, brain damage and, with repeated inhalation, possibly death.

One of the troubles is the ITTF has said some of the less dangerous fast glues (medically safe but still assisting attacking players to hit faster) can be used. New Zealand's Peter Jackson appeared with a note to this effect, briefly causing confusion at the weekend event in Cleveland.

The bickering between the English and the Dutch on Tuesday was caused principally because the visitors were following a communication from the European body that glueing up was allowed provided it occurred more than 24 hours before competition. The English were obeying a later communication that all fast glues are banned. This seems the most sensible.

Allowing some of these glues may encourage players to use dangerous glues illegally because of the greatly reduced risk of detection. It seems the only tactically fair and medically safe solution would be to ban fast glues by making a shortlist of safe ones and ensuring regular pre-match inspections.

Call for charitable status for lottery

By John Goodbody

A PLEA was made yesterday for the national lottery to be established as a charity to ease the tax burden and free it from political manipulation. Dennis Vaughan, whose lobbying has been a big factor in persuading the government to bring in the lottery in 1994, said that the Bill, which is likely to have its second reading within the next month, did not provide for "making the lottery a charitable foundation".

Vaughan, executive director of the Lottery Promotion Company Ltd, said that the establishment of an independent foundation would make it clear that the lottery was run independently of the government and was not simply an extension of state funding.

"The Bill at present provides for proceeds to be paid directly to the arts and sports councils, thereby confusing the distinction between private and public money," he said.

Vaughan added that charitable foundation status would increase the amount of lottery proceeds available for suitable causes, that otherwise would be diverted to the Treasury.

Vaughan received some support for his views from Will Carling, the captain of the England rugby team, who said that the lottery should be organised so that not too much of the money went to the Treasury or was used for administrative purposes.

The government is unlikely to accept these proposals. The Treasury is bound to insist that the turnover on the lottery must be subject to tax.

It is also likely to want the money for sport to be distributed directly by the UK Sports Commission and the four sports councils.

The future structure of British sport was thrown into confusion earlier this week when Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, said that the UK Sports Commission, which is supposed to speak for British sport, and the sports councils of the four home countries was not a hierarchical structure.

The four home countries will continue to have autonomy in policy.



Carling: supportive

Morrissey enjoys a change in fortune

By Keith Pike

JOHN Morrissey still has some way to go if he is to emulate his father, but the Tranmere Rovers winger, whose two goals and sparkling skills helped knock Oldham Athletic out of the FA Cup on Tuesday, is not short of motivation.

Johnny Morrissey was a member of the Everton side beaten by Jeff Astle's goal for West Bromwich Albion in the 1968 Cup final — playing alongside the likes of Howard Kendall and Joe Royle, now the Oldham manager — and, two years later, he won a League championship medal. His son, born just up the road from Goodison at Crosby and an Everton fanatic as a youngster, seemed set to enjoy an equally illustrious career.

But with Everton, now under Kendall's management, about to embark on the most successful period in their history in the mid-Eighties, the roof fell in on Morrissey Jr. Kendall let him go.

Kendall's judgment, initially at least, proved correct. Everton won the championship in 1985 and 1987, were runners-up in between and landed the FA Cup in 1984 and European Cup Winners' Cup a year later. Morrissey, meanwhile, played just ten games for Wolverhampton Wanderers before joining Tranmere — then in the old fourth division — for a knockdown £8,000. It seemed his chance had gone.

But, for the next ten days at least, Morrissey can once again enjoy the limelight and dream of what might yet be. "I'm still only 27 and feel my best years are to come," he said. "I would love another chance to play in the big time, in the Premier League. I think I have the ability."

His goalscoring touch on Tuesday surprised even the club's regular supporters. His first goal — his fiftieth for Tranmere — was an instinctive 40-yard lob over a stranded goalkeeper, his second a precise finish after eluding three defenders.

With John King having guided Tranmere from the depths of the fourth division to the brink of the Premier League in five years, Ipswich Town, Tranmere's visitors on fourth-round day on January 23, have been warned.

Return trip the ticket for Wright

By Louise Taylor

IAN Wright unlocked the door to the Palace for Arsenal on Tuesday night. By scoring both goals in their 2-0 Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final win against Nottingham Forest at Highbury, Wright earned his side a two-legged semi-final against Crystal Palace. Blackburn Rovers play Ipswich Town or Sheffield Wednesday in the other tie.

The first leg will coincide with Wright's return from a three-match suspension imposed by the Football Association after he was identified, on television film, aiming a punch at David Howells, of Tottenham Hotspur, during a stormy north London derby last month.

Wright was a Palace player until his £2.5 million move north of the river 15 months ago. The England international has now taken his goal tally to 17 for the season — more than half the total scored by Arsenal.

While he is being understudied on the pitch by Kevin Campbell, Wright says he will aim to keep a low profile after the adverse publicity about his suspension.

Regarding Arsenal's semi-final opponents, he said: "I still love Palace and always wish them well — but not in the Coca-Cola Cup."

Alan Smith, another of Arsenal's strikers, faces expensive dental repair work after receiving an accidental elbow in the face from Carl Tiler.

If it was not Smith's or Forest's night, it was also a bad evening for Terry Wilson, the Nottingham midfield player whose long-standing knee injury flared up again. Wilson has made only six first-team appearances in the past two years.

☐ Everton have not been invited to stage any fixtures during the European championship finals in 1996. When the Football Association's Europe 96 committee meets on February 16, it will confirm Anfield, the home of Liverpool, as the venue for all matches to be staged on Merseyside.

Although both clubs had asked to be considered as potential hosts for group fixtures, the FA was impressed by the facilities at Anfield, particularly the hospitality suites in the Centenary Stand and the promise of on-site parking.

Rebels' cause likely to carry the day

SUPER League rebels will stick together to defeat proposals to change the face of the game in Scotland. That pledge was made yesterday by nine of the ten member clubs of the Scottish Super League (SSL) — which plans to start an autonomous division from next season — who insist that they carry enough power to block the Scottish Football League (SFL) plans.

All 38 senior sides in Scotland will vote today on the 14-12-12 divisional set-up that was proposed by the SFL at a meeting in Glasgow.

Celtic last week announced their intention to defect from the Super League to vote in favour of the SFL blueprint, claiming they were "always uneasy" about leaving the existing body. But the SSL held out an olive branch yesterday by making it clear that Celtic will still be welcome, despite their backing for the rival plan.

Celtic reaffirmed their voting intentions at an SSL board meeting yesterday, but the other nine clubs — Rangers, Aberdeen, Dundee United, Heart of Midlothian, St Johnstone, Hibernian, Partick Thistle, Motherwell and Dunfermline — stood firm. If they show the same unity in the ballot this afternoon, the SFL proposal will not reach the required two-thirds majority.

A statement issued by the SSL said: "The other nine members of the SSL remain convinced of the need for radical and permanent change in the structure of the game in Scotland. Accordingly, the SFL proposals will be defeated at a special meeting to be held tomorrow [today]. The Super League application for membership of the SFA incorporating detailed rules of the new league structure will be submitted by January 29."

The Scottish League had hoped that clubs such as Motherwell, Partick and St Johnstone might have jumped on Celtic's bandwagon to help ward off the Super League threat. But it seems that the show of unity yesterday — Celtic excepted — will allow the rebels to carry the day.

Despite the friction between the Super League and the Scottish League, clubs want dialogue to continue.

RUGBY UNION

England will be at full strength

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

ENGLAND last night put their injured players, Peter Winterbottom, Dewi Morris and the captain, Will Carling, through their paces at the Stoop Memorial Ground to ensure a clean bill of health for Saturday's opening five nations' championship match against France at Twickenham.

The squad, and the Rugby Football Union, were buoyed up, too, by a new sponsorship designed to benefit all England's representative teams at senior and youth level, and which will be used to promote the game to youngsters. Agreements have been signed by the Union and by the players' representatives with Wander Foods' Isostar sports drink, worth £400,000 over three years to the RFU and an unspecified amount to the squad.

The deal was not concluded until Tuesday, but it gives the England players the chance to emphasise that their 'Run with the Ball' campaign, launched in 1991, is still on track. The campaign did not produce the financial rewards for the players initially envisaged, but Carling said: "Once the costs involved in starting the campaign had been explained to the players I think they appreciated what the results would be.

"The initial campaign had a tremendous effect on the country generally, and in generating awareness of the game was an unqualified success. Its second objective was to generate money and there we learned lessons along the way."

The England squad has, however, renewed its contract with the Parallel Media Group, its commercial advisers, up to and including the 1995 World Cup.

As a result of last season's campaign, England players each received around £1,000. This season they hope to have more than the five official supporting companies attracted on the back of the World Cup and have committed themselves to supporting 60 children's rugby camps at the beginning of next season.

☐ Robert du Preez, the South Africa scrum half, is to be prosecuted for not reporting for the year's military service that is compulsory for whites. The South African Defence Force confirmed that Du Preez, who plays for Natal, would face charges, as his application for the service, which is believed to be in its final year, to be deferred was turned down.

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FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

FA CUP: Third round: Postponed: Bristol Rovers v Aston Villa, Luton v Bristol City.

FA TROPHY: First round: Postponed: Wealdstone v Bashley.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Second round: Postponed: Stoke v Barnet.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Postponed: Bohemians v Shelbourne.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Postponed: Exeter v Bournemouth, Swansea v Cardiff, Cheltenham v Torquay, Portsmouth v Fulham.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Postponed: West Bromwich v Bradford; Derby v Scunthorpe, Mansfield v Burnley, Port Vale v Hull, Notts County v Sunderland; Grimsby v Oldham, Wigan v Everton.

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Postponed: First v Mod.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS ADIDAS UNDER-19S TROPHY: Hertfordshire 5, Bedfordshire 0.

Late results on Tuesday

FA CUP: Third round: Crewe 3, Manne 1, Ipswich 2, Plymouth 1, Northampton 0, Rotherham 1, Notts County 0, Sunderland 2. Third-round replays: Burnley 2, Sheffield United 4, Exeter 1, Wimbledon 2, Oxford 2, Swansea 0 (aet, Swansea won 5-4 on pens), Tranmere 3, Oldham 0.

COCA-COLA CUP: Fifth round: Arsenal 2, Nottingham Forest 0.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Swindon 0, Birmingham 0. Third division: Darlington 1, Carlisle 1.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: First round: Bury 1, Rochdale 2; Mansfield 0, West Bromwich 1. Second round: Hull 0, Chesterfield 1, Port Vale 4, Fulham 3 (aet, 2-2 after 90mins), Scarborough 3, Bradford 4, Stockport 1, Hartlepool 0, Leyton Orient 4, Wrexham 1.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: West Ham 3, Watford 2. Postponed: Arsenal v Oxford United.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Postponed: Premier division: Motherwell v Dundee United; Rangers v Falkirk. Second division: Berwick v Brechin, East Fife v Clyde, East Stirling v Arbroath, Forfar v Queen's Park, Stenhousemuir v Alloa.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Roda JC Kerkrade 1, Feyenoord 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Bristol Manor Farm v Chard.

VAUXHALL FA TROPHY: First round replays: Bromsgrove 4, Kettering 1; Dagenham and Redbridge 2, Yeovil 1; Hastings 0, Dover 2; Slough 2, Yeading 1; Witton, Macclesfield (aet, second replay at Witton on Monday).

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Cup: Second round replay: Workington 1, Fleetwood 0. President's Cup: Second round: Buxton 0, Morecambe 3.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Banstead Athletic 5, Harefield 2. Isthmian League Cup: Wivenhoe 1, Sutton United 2. Full Members Cup: Preliminary round: Aylesbury 2, Marlow 5.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Bury Town 2, Stamgbourne 3. Midland division: Bridgnorth 0, Dudley Town 0; Nuneaton Borough 1, Sutton Coldfield 2. Bunclays Commercial Services Cup: Third round replays: Halesowen 2, Gloucester City 1; Rushden and Diamonds 2, Gresley 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Wednesday 1, Wolverhampton 3. Postponed: Blackburn v Leicester. Second division: Coventry 1, Huddersfield 0; Preston 1, York 4. Postponed: Derby v Scunthorpe.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Fakenham 1, Chasterfo 1, Great Yarmouth 0, Diss 1; Newmarket 0, March Town 0; Norwich United 1, Stowmarket 0; Tiptree 4, Brantham Athletic 1.

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Llanidloes 1, Caersws 3, Connah's Quay 0, Newtown 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Manchester United 3, Notts County 1; Crystal Palace 0, Millwall 2; Chelsea 3, Reading 2.

BADMINTON

TOKYO: Japan Open: Women's singles: First round: J Muggendorg (GB) bt Yae Tekano (Japan), 5-11, 11-4, 11-6; C Magnusson (Swe) bt Org Aji (Sing), 11-0, 11-3. Second round: Magnusson bt Muggendorg, 6-11, 11-5, 11-1.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 128, Golden State Warriors 118; Boston Celtics 121, Cleveland Cavaliers 115; Indiana Pacers 122, Philadelphia 76ers 93; Chicago Bulls 122, Orlando Magic 106; Washington Bullets 121, Milwaukee Bucks 98; Utah Jazz 125, Miami Heat 122; Seattle SuperSonics 122, Phoenix Suns 113; Houston Rockets 113, Los Angeles Clippers 109; Portland Trail Blazers 109, Denver Nuggets 100; New York Knicks 104, Sacramento Kings 93.

BOXING

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN: WBC welterweight championship: James McGirt (US) bt Genaro Leon (Mex), pts.

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina: WBA junior welterweight championship: Juan Coggi (Arg) bt Morris East (Phil), rsc 8th rnd.

CRICKET

NEWCASTLE, Australia: Tour match: West Indians 294 (50 overs) (K L T Arthurton 94); Australian Country XI 243 (47.1 overs) (B Spanner 68, G Irvine 56). West Indians won by 51 runs.

CYCLING

STUTTGART: Six-day race: Leading positions (after fifth night): 1, K Khrabchov (Russ) and P Pieters (Holl), 405pts; 2, D Clark (Aus) and P Bincoletto (It), 309; 3, A Kappes (Ger) and E de Wilde (Bel), 303.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Stoke (7.0). Second division: Middlesbrough v Blackpool (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Ipswich v Millwall (2.0). Postponed: Watford v Swindon. League Cup: Birmingham v Bristol Rovers (2.0).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Ayr v Glasgow Academicals (7.30); West of Scotland v Glasgow High Kelvinside (7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Huddersfield v Carlisle (7.45).

OTHER SPORT

SQUASH: National championships (Cheadle).

GOLF

MOUNT IRVINE BAY, Tobago: International tournament: First round (all GB and Ireland): 70: M Mackenzie; S Bennett; P Cargill. 71: G Furey. 72: M Poxon. 73: B Davidson; T Jacklin. 74: P Elson; E Murray. 75: S Whymark; R McFarlane.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE: Boston Bruins 5, Buffalo Sabres 2; New Jersey Devils 3, Vancouver Canucks 2; New York Islanders 8, Calgary Flames 2; Los Angeles Kings 3, Ottawa Senators 2; Chicago Blackhawks 3, Minnesota North Stars 1, Winnipeg Jets 4, San Jose Sharks 1.

ICE SKATING

HELSINKI: European figure skating championships: Men's technical programme: 1, D Dmitrenko (Ukr), 0.5 pts; 2, O Jaaskelainen (Fin), 1.0; 3, O Tatsurov (Russ), 1.5; 4, A Urmanov (Russ), 2.0; 5, K Kostin (Lat), 2.5; 6, P Candeloro (Fr), 3.0. British: 9, S Cousins (GB), 4.5; 11, J Martin (GB), 5.5.

MOTOR RALLYING

PARIS-DAKAR RALLY: Eighth stage (Bir Ammane to Chinguetti): 1, E Weber (Ger), Mitsubishi, 2hr 17min; 51sec; 2, K Shinozuka (Japan), Mitsubishi, at 3min 55sec; 3, H Auriol (Fr), Citroen, at 5:57; 4, J-P Fontenay (Fr), Mitsubishi, at 6:20; 5, P Ladrigue (Fr), Citroen, at 7:54. Overall: 1, B Saby (Fr), Mitsubishi, 16hr 55min 17sec; 2, Lartigue, at 1:40:48; 3, Auriol, at 4:32:39; 4, Shinozuka, at 5:40:37; 5, Weber, at 6:01:31. Motorcycles: 1, J Azzaroni (Sp), Yamaha, 5hr 05min 33sec; 2, T Chechonnier (Fr), Yamaha, at 14min 00sec; 3, S Belenharsel (Fr), Yamaha, at 15:08; 4, P Sreyjol (Fr), Suzuki, at 31:34; 5, X Ribs (Sp), K2, at 32:33. Overall: 1, Peterhansel, 39hr 03min 04sec; 2, Charbonnier, at 1:21:50; 3, Ribs, at 5:21:25; 4, Arcarons, at 8:06:35.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Cancelled: Moseley v Greater Birmingham.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Bridgend v Pontypool.

TABLE TENNIS

KUMLA, Sweden: European League: Super division: Sweden bt Germany, 4-0.

TENNIS

SYDNEY: New South Wales Open: Men's singles: Second round: J Svensson (Swe) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 7-6; 6-4; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 7-5, 6-2; O Camporese (It) bt M Tebbutt (Aus), 2-6, 7-6, 6-2; N Kulti (Swe) bt H Holm (Swe), 7-5, 6-4; D Wheaton (US) bt C Pistine (Fr), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; T Muster (Austria) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-4, 7-6; P Sampras (US) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; W Ferreira (SA) bt S Stolle (Aus), 6-4, 6-2. Women's singles: First round: A Fusier (US) bt C Cunningham (US), 6-3, 7-5; R Fairbank-Nideffer (SA) bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus), 3-6, 6-1, 7-6. Second round: G Sabatini (Arg) bt P Fendick (US), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; B Ritzer (Ger) bt R Zrubakova (Slovakia), 6-1, 6-3; T Whitlinger (US) bt S Appelmans (Bel), 7-5, 6-4; P Shriver (US) bt L McNeil (US), 6-1, 7-6.

ADELAIDE: Exhibition tournament: J Courier (US) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 6-1, 6-3; P Korda (Czech Republic) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-1, 6-2.

AUCKLAND: New Zealand Open men's tournament: Second round: J Morgan (Aus) bt J Rienzenbrink (Ger), 6-4, 7-6; K Evernden (NZ) bt B Shelton (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; J Yzaga (Peru) bt C Pridham (Can), 6-2, 3-6, 7-6.

MELBOURNE: Victorian Open women's tournament: Singles: Second round: A Coetzer (SA) bt S Testud (Fr), 6-1, 7-5; A Fusai (Fr) bt E Zardo (Switz), 7-5, 0-6, 6-3; L Nelland (Lat) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-1, 0-6, 6-4; L Field (Aus) bt V Martinek (Ger), 7-6, 6-1; L Harvey-Wild (US) bt Shi-Ting Wang (Taiwan), 7-6, 6-1; D Graham (US) bt P Hy (Can), 6-3, 6-1; N Provis (Aus) bt Fang D (China), 7-6, 6-0; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt K Godridge (Aus), 6-4, 6-1.

JAKARTA: Indonesian Open men's tournament: Singles: Second round: R Gilbert (Fr) bt J Siemerink (Holl), 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; T Santoro (Fr) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-1, 6-1; T Etlingh (Holl) bt H Skoff (Aust), 7-6, 7-6; R Reneberg (US) bt J Tarango (US), 6-2, 7-5; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 7-6, 3-6, 6-3; D Prinosil (Ger) bt L Herrera (Mex), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; C U Steeb (Ger) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (21545) **7.00 Breakfast News** (36744743)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (9115085) **9.45 Ross King.** Quiz game. The guest is cartoonist Bill Tidy (3217627)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (4733849) **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (r) (s) (2383578)
10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. Magazine series presented by Anne Robinson and Nick Owen. Today's edition includes a summer swimwear preview, Jimmy Greaves's television choice, a romantic story, keep fit exercises and a medical phone-in (s). With **News** (Ceefax) at **11.00** and **12.00** (69490725)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers is joined by American singer Al Jarreau (s) (3450085) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (24124917)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (53714)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (58962846) **1.50 First Letter First.** Word game hosted by Don Maclean (s) (58966462)
2.15 Film: How To Commit Marriage (1969) starring Bob Hope, Jane Wyman and Jackie Gleason. Comedy about a couple whose plans to divorce after 20 years of marriage are temporarily scuppered when their daughter announces her engagement. Directed by Norman Panama (286022)
3.50 Rupert (r) (9357172) **3.55 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams.** The second of a 13-part musical series (7751795) **4.10 Jackanory.** Richard Briers narrates the story of *The Church Mice and the Ring* (s) (5239356) **4.25 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (1106085) **4.30 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men.** Episode two of Tony Robinson's six-part comedy drama. (Ceefax) (s) (3090530)
4.55 Newsround (6951820) **5.05 Blue Peter.** Enduring children's magazine. (Ceefax) (s) (3579578)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (707337). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (511)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (191). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops (s) (3882)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (375)

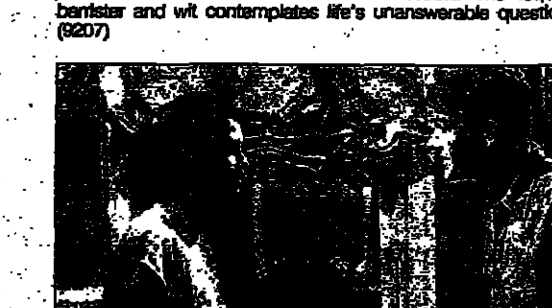


Little monkeys: focusing on a troop of baboons (8.00pm)

8.00 Wildlife On One: Itaye and the Fig Tree Troop.
● CHOICE: Despite the competition over on Channel 4, where a baboon is shown taking care of its sexual imperative, this beautiful little film more than justifies the attention of viewers. Narrated by David Attenborough and made by Richard Goss, the cameraman behind another striking programme, *Meerkats United*, it tells the story of Itaye, a baby Chacma baboon who loses his mother, gets beaten up, learns to leap across rivers containing crocodiles and finally finds happiness by acting responsibly and respecting his elders and betters. It all has the ring of a Disney B-movie, but the footage is terrific with Goss capturing the troop by day and by night. Baboons have never looked so romantic. There is even an *ET*-style shot in which a baboon is silhouetted against a huge full moon. (Ceefax) (s) (2530)
8.30 The Brittas Empire. Comedy series about an earnest but insensitive manager of a council leisure centre. Starring Chris Barrie. (Ceefax) (s) (8337)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (9601)
9.30 Specially Selected Canned Carrott. Jasper Carrott introduces a compilation of clips from his recent *Canned Carrott* comedy series (r). (Ceefax) (s) (762424)
10.15 Question Time chaired by Peter Sissons. He is joined by the Rev Patience Purchas, a Synod member and deaconess, and MPs Virginia Bottomley, Tony Blair and Sir David Steel (236288). Northern Ireland: Splendid Hearts 10.55 Question Time
11.15 Figure Skating. Alan Weeks and Barry Davies are the commentators at Helsinki for the European championships (699559). Northern Ireland: 11.55 Amateur Boxing 12.30-1.20 Figure Skating **12.05am Weather** (5297221). Ends at **12.10**
2.15-2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (16592) **3.00-4.00 RCN Nursing Update** (33134)

BBC2

6.00 Breakfast News (4391443)
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from both Houses (834559)
8.15 Daytime on Two. Educational Programmes
2.00 News and weather (94325530). Followed by **You and Me** (r) (25346066) **2.15 Advice Shop.** News and information for consumers of welfare and public services (4018356)
3.00 News and weather (9227172) followed by **Westminster Live** introduced by Iain Macwhirter and John Cole. Includes prime minister's questions (8106288) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3827581)
4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths hosted by Paul Coia (s) (284)
4.30 Behind the Headlines. With Lord Archer and Tony Banks, MP (s) (50998)
5.00 Plunder. Emma Freud is joined by actor Leslie Phillips who chooses favourite television moments from the BBC's archives (r) (1288)
5.30 Food and Drink. Featuring chocolate recipes (r) (s) (240)
6.00 Film: Probe (1972) starring Hugh O'Brien, Elke Sommer and John Gielgud. Entertaining thriller about the theft of a priceless jewel collection. Detective O'Brien has a tiny bug implanted on him, allowing what he sees and hears to be sent back to a control centre where it is evaluated so that helpful advice can be transmitted to him. The pilot for the television series *Search*, directed by Russ Mayberry (37337). Wales: Help Your Child with Reading 6.15 Italianissimo 6.30 Channel Hopping 7.00 Advice Shop
7.30 First Sight: Home Grown Hatred. Terry Dignan reports on the growing trend of racial violence in this country. Northern Ireland: The European Challenge; Wales: Dad's Army; East: Matter of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North-east, North-west and North: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west: Close Up; West: Close Up West (917)
8.00 The Essential History of Europe. The eighth of 12 illuminating documentaries on the member countries of the EC focuses on Greece (s) (6612)
8.30 Notes and Queries with Clive Anderson. The loquacious barrister and wit contemplates life's unanswerable questions (s) (9207)



Marriage split: Fiona Gillies and Robert Bathurst (9.00pm)

9.00 Joking Apart. Steven Moffat's bitter sweet comedy series about divorce, starring Robert Bathurst and Fiona Gillies (s) (7443)
9.30 The Trouble With Medicine.
● CHOICE: Genetic testing is the controversial subject of this second programme in the series looking at the implications of modern medicine. Although eugenics movements have resulted in mass slaughter in the case of Nazi Germany or radical sterilisation programmes in the case of the United States, the benefits of pinpointing the genetic causes of disease still seem enormous. In Sardinia, for example, the terrible condition of thalassemia is no longer so common now that pregnant women are routinely tested for it. The film also considers how the treatment of psychiatric disorders is changing. As medical geneticist Dr David Comings puts it: "The 20th century was the century of Freud. I think the 21st is going to be the century of the gene" (407065)
10.20 Wayne's World. The comedy slot from America's popular satire series *Saturday Night Live* (r). (Ceefax) (584375)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (416153)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (576269)
11.55 Behind the Headlines (r) (s) (417172)
12.25am Weather (5206979)

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ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV with Michael Wilson and Fiona Armstrong. The guests include a slimmer of the year who went down from 25 to 11 stone (7558559)
9.25 Runway. Quiz game hosted by Richard Madeley (s) (9785085) **9.55 London Today** and weather (2369998)
10.00 The Time... The Place... Discussion programme (6142909)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes dressmaking hints, family health and a new series of tips for budding writers. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.45** followed by national weather (64013714)
12.10 The Riddlers. For the very young (9795998)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Teletext) Weather (4259397) **1.05 London Today** and weather (64780004)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (195172) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (194443)
2.15 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond takes her weekly look behind the scenes of popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes; Barry Took takes another dip into the archives (186424) **2.45 Take the High Road.** Highlands-based drama serial (7862337)
3.10 ITN News headlines (9245578) **3.15 London Today** and weather (9244849) **3.20 Blockbusters.** General knowledge game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (s) (6658199)
3.50 The Rattles (r) (9342240) **3.55 Where's Wally?** Animated adventures (9114269) **4.20 Mike and Angelo.** American comedy/drama (s) (8464849) **4.45 Bad Influence!** Computer and video game show (3080153)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (3563917)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (340191)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (52424)
7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Teletext) (8578)
7.30 Storyline. Investigative series (s) (443)
8.00 The Bill: Delinquent. A procedural mistake by Sgt Cryer leads to a colleague being injured. (Teletext) (4998)
8.30 Minder: No Way to Treat a Daley. One of Arthur's business ventures takes off when the chance acquisition of a giant balloon introduces him to the potentially lucrative world of high-flying advertising. Starring George Cole and Gary Webster. (Teletext) (76527)
9.30 Dave Allen. More amusing musings on the way of the world (s) (64269)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville. (Teletext) Weather (27240) **10.30 London Tonight** and weather (274269)
10.40 Big City. A guide to London's entertainment scene (s) (704820)
11.15 Film: The Scalphunters (1968) starring Burt Lancaster, Shelley Winters and Telly Savalas. Comedy western adventure about a fur trapper and his intelligent slave he acquired from Indians who stole his pelts. Directed by Sydney Pollack (226998)
1.10am The Twilight Zone. A tale of the supernatural (3724196)
1.30 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (18979)
2.00 America's Top Ten (s) (78912)
2.30 Donahue. Phil Donahue chairs a discussion on the changes that have taken place in the former Soviet Union since 1987 (72757)
3.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents. The master of suspense introduces another tale with a twist (88399)
4.00 Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure guide (r) (s) (60776)
5.00 Riviera. Glossy French soap charting the fortunes of the aristocratic de Courcey family (23825)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (38196). Ends at **6.00**



Hot air: George Cole's inflatable business venture (8.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

6.40 Spiff and Hercules (2354153) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (43337)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show (s) (44917)
9.30 Schools (821443) **12.00 The Parliament Programme** (24153)
12.30 Sesame Street (12379) **1.30 Lift Off** (74646)
2.00 Film: Down to Earth (1947) starring Rita Hayworth and Larry Parks. Metaphysical musical with Hayworth playing the role of Terpsichore, the muse of dance, who arrives on Broadway to help a composer write his musical play. Directed by Alexander Hall (378882)
3.50 Animalia. Hungarian animation (7722397)
4.00 A Day in the Life of... The veteran actress Thora Hird talks about her life and career (r) (172)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (356)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Today's guests are members of one family involved in extra-marital affairs (s) (2790511)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Classic children's series narrated by Nigel Planer (r) (867559)
6.00 The Word — Access All Areas. A behind-the-scenes look at last Friday's edition of *The Word* (s) (849)
6.30 Gamesmaster. Computer game show. The guests are Mark Wingett and Huw Higginson from the cast of *The Bill* (801)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) (759462) **7.50 Comment** (371882)
8.00 Close To Home.
● CHOICE: In the first of a new current affairs series covering stories from anywhere in Britain bar London, the fearless Duncan Campbell attempts to get to the bottom of two events which shook the Scottish legal establishment in 1992. When last summer the headquarters of the Lothian and Borders Police in Fettes were broken into and sensitive papers stolen, speculation ran riot, especially when a few weeks later police leaked a copy of a secret report suggesting that a "well-established circle of homosexual persons with influence with the judiciary" had been able to "seriously interfere" with justice. Campbell claims that allegations of a "magic circle" or gay conspiracy within the Scottish legal profession are false, he also claims to know the real identity of the Fettes burglar. (Teletext) (5240)
8.30 Black Bag Special. Stephen Miller, Yusuf Abdullahi and Tony Paris, who successfully appealed against life sentences for murder, talk about life in prison and how they were treated by the police (4375)
9.00 The Sexual Imperative: The Sex Contract.
● CHOICE: The racy nature series continues tonight with more intriguing animal sex snippets. Taking the theme of monogamy or the lack of it, the programme reveals that even where creatures appear to favour one partner, the sexual reality may be different. Love birds, for example, do a great deal of cooing in pairs but don't only mate with each other. Such is the sexual imperative, however, that animals seem to put up with their partners' infidelities. The hopeful male baboon will groom a female and her baby even if it is not his offspring in order to show what a "gentle, good, protective and generally splendid baboon he is". The narration here and elsewhere is irritatingly cute and anthropomorphic, but startling images such as a male baboon masturbating are wisely left to speak for themselves (s) (3733)
10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Award-winning topical comedy series set in a television newsroom where, this week, MPs Ken Livingstone and Sir Teddy Taylor are invited to put their views on the recession, which send anchorman Henry (David Swift) into a frenzy (s) (25882)
10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Comedy improvisation show presented by Clive Anderson (r) (s) (713578)



Secret agents: Patrick Macnee, Honor Blackman (11.05pm)

11.05 The Avengers (b/w). Classic secret service adventure series from the 1960s starring Patrick Macnee and Honor Blackman (r) (338646)
12.10am Dispatches. An investigation into who runs Britain's boxing industry (r) (2244689)
1.00 The Dick Powell Theatre: The Geetas Box (b/w). Charles Bickford, Cliff Robertson and Dean Stockwell star as a team of daylight bank robbers (r) (8135365). Ends at **1.55**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (6658199) **5.10-5.40** Dinosaurs (3563917) **6.00** Home and Away (139266) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (981761) **10.40** Anglia Tonight (765820) **11.10** Wideangle (642646) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (920066) **12.35** Coach (1630592) **1.05** Wrestling (9982863) **1.50** Film: Firecreek (254738) **3.50** America's Top Ten (8611202) **4.15** Nite Bites (27868028) **4.30** Riviera (78863) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (23825)

BORDER
As London except: 2.45-3.10 Wild World of the East (7862837) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (6658199) **6.00** Lookaround (207) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (559) **10.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (522153) **11.35** The Good Sex Guide (416443) **12.05** Married...With Children (1758028) **12.35** Coach (1630592) **1.05** Wrestling (9982863) **1.50** Film: Firecreek (254738) **3.50** America's Top Ten (86611202) **4.14** Nite Bites (27868028) **4.30** Riviera (78863) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (23825)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (195172) **1.45-2.15** Home And Away (194443) **3.20-3.50** GP (6658199) **5.10-5.40** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (3563917) **6.25-7.00** Central News (147207) **10.40** 1st Night (765820) **11.10** Married...With Children (642646) **11.40** Miller and Mueller (853882) **12.40** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (1639863) **1.10** Hollywood Report (4610134) **1.40** The Little Picture Show (2244202) **2.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1827296) **3.10** America's Top Ten (84267134) **3.40** Stage 2 (2901134) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (8942047)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (194443) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (6658199) **6.00** HTV News (207) **6.30-7.00** West By Wedlock (559) **10.40** The West This Week (432191) **11.25** HTV Weekend Outlook (529356) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (920066) **12.35** Coach (1630592) **1.05** Wrestling (9982863) **1.50** Film: Firecreek (254738) **3.50** America's Top Ten (86611202) **4.15** Nite Bites (27868028) **4.30** Riviera (78863) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (23825)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Stars of Tomorrow **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week **10.40** The Weekend Ahead **10.55** Wales and Westminster **11.25-11.40** Rock Sport

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (6658199) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (207) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (559) **10.40** Loud and Clear (795172) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (698820) **12.15** War of the Worlds (717689) **1.15-1.30** Rock Sport (2515912) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (23825)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (6658199) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (207) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (559) **10.40** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (765820) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (676606) **12.05** Film: The Witches (604263) **1.45** Profile (7819825) **2.00** America's Top Ten (78912) **2.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (97047) **3.00** Shimanski (272115) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (8942047)

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00-7.00 UTV Live at Six (52424) **10.40** Counterpoint (765820) **11.10** Film: Carry On Henry (481996) **12.50** The Twilight Zone (3167486) **1.05** Wrestling (9982863) **1.50** Film: Firecreek (254738) **3.50** American's Top Ten (86611202) **4.15** Nite Bites (27868028) **4.30** Riviera (78863) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (23825)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (194443) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (6658199) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (52424) **10.40** The Good Sex Guide (765820) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (676606) **12.05** Out of Limits (1760863) **12.35** Coach (1630592) **1.05** Wrestling (9982863) **1.50** Film: Firecreek (254738) **3.50** America's Top Ten (86611202) **4.15** Nite Bites (27868028) **4.30** Riviera (78863) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (23825)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (6658199) **6.00** Calendar (732375) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (559) **10.40** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (765820) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (676606) **12.05** Film: The Witches (604263) **1.45** Profile (7819825) **2.00** America's Top Ten (78912) **2.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (97047) **3.00** Schimanski (272115) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (8942047)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (43337) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (44917) **9.30** Yagolion (821443) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (24153) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (75375) **1.00** Lift Off (46424) **1.30** The Vixen and the Hare (62732530) **1.45** Film: The Awful Truth (64715769) **3.25** Writing on the Line (3323627) **4.25** Slot 23 (5259658) **5.00** Countdown (6356) **5.30** Gamesmaster (608) **6.00** News (580998) **6.10** Heno (175066) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9820) **7.30** Margaret Williams (135) **8.00** Taith 3 (5240) **8.30** News (261191) **8.55** Taro 9 (527511) **9.30** Black Bag Special (55511) **10.00** Drop the Dead Donkey (25882) **10.30** Film: Mona Lisa (76820646) **12.25am** The Word — Access All Areas (6248196) **12.50-1.20** The Steve Allen Show (1634318)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (45108530) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (6711066) **9.10** Cartoons (1827714) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (97511) **10.00** Strike It Rich (63627) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (66153) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (62240) **12.00** Falcon Crest (10462) **1.00pm** E Street (93356) **1.30** Another World (2808379) **2.15** Santa Barbara (740646) **2.45** Maude (749917) **3.15** The New Leave It To Beaver (739530) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8698714) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4153) **6.00** Rescue (1795) **6.30** E Street (5375) **7.00** Alf (5882) **7.30** Family Ties (1559) **8.00** Full House (4530) **8.30** Melrose Place (75153) **9.30** Chances (87288) **10.30** Studs (67882) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (98743) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
Twenty-four hour news service

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (4680578)
10.00 In the Line of Duty: Siege at Marion (1992): Mormons conflict with police (29153)
12.00 Loving Couples (1980): Romantic comedy starring Shirley MacLaine and James Coburn (78559)
2.00pm Everyday Heroes (1990): Teachers try to quell racism (59424)
3.00 The Fourth Man (1990): An athlete turns to steroids (97068)
4.00 The Invasion of Johnson County (1976): Western starring Bill Bixby (9085)
6.00 In the Line of Duty: Siege at Marion (as 10am) (43930649)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (517040)
8.00 Pretty Woman (1990): Julia Roberts hooks Richard Gere (51733)
10.00 Curse II: The Bite (1988): Horror about irradiated vipers (498153)
11.40 Cobra (1986): Sylvester Stallone takes on a gang of bikers (255849)
1.10am Higher Education (1987): Comedy about an art student (1904080)
2.35 The Mafia Kid (1988): A Brooklyn hood dreams of becoming a boxer (726496)
4.15 Any Man's Death (1990): Political thriller starring John Savage (665738) Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Best Friends (1982): Burt Reynolds and Goldie Hawn decide to marry (277606)
8.30 The Ritz (1976): Jack Weston hides out in a gay bath establishment (30820)
10.00 Bloody Mama (1970): Shelley Winters stars as bank robber Ma Barker (52608). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.00am The Adventures of Nellie Bly (1981): An 1880s journalist investigates corruption in a mental asylum (16207)
9.00 Sid Party (1965): Frankie Avalon comedy musical (59419443)
10.35 Waterloo (1971): Historical epic tracing Napoleon's final defeat (59094917)
1.00pm The Rat Race (1960): Tony Curtis moves in with Debbie Reynolds (60530)
3.00 The Chipmunk Adventure (1989): Cartoon fun (97984882)
4.50 Mr and Mrs Bridge (1990): With Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward (92627462)
7.00 Sideout (1990): Volleyball drama with Peter Horton and C. Thomas Howell (98789)
9.00 Days of Thunder (1990): Tom Cruise as a maverick racing car driver (58646)
11.00 In a Stranger's Hand (1991): Robert Urich helps Megan Gallagher to find her daughter (784733)
12.45am Blind Vengeance (1990): A father avenges his son's murder (889738)
2.25 I'm Dancing as Fast as I Can (1982): Jill Clayburgh as a valium addict (77875486)
5.00 Where's Willy?: Comedy about a scientific genius (59757). Ends at **6.30**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (12917) **7.00** PGA Golf (17172) **8.00** Jack High (18801) **9.00** Stretch (50191) **9.30** Muscle Night (33191) **10.30** Ringside Theatre (99269) **11.30** Stretch (63004) **12.00** Drag Racing (47627) **12.30pm** The Club Show (98849) **1.00** Ringside (17462) **3.00** FA Cup Replay (19191) **5.00** High Five (7546) **5.30** Fishing the West (6882) **6.00** Soccer News (816085) **6.03** WWF Wrestling (66240) **7.00** Netbusters (7882) **7.30** Red Line (17004) **8.30** The Boot Room (24443) **9.30** The Crowning of Lennox Lewis (14085) **11.30** European League (87153) **12.30am** Drag Racing (81738) **1.00-3.00** PGA Golf (93283)

EUROSPORT
8.00am Step Aerobics (39608) **8.30** Figure Skating (47443) **10.30** Step Aerobics (41443) **11.00** Figure Skating Dance (2656040) **2.30** Figure Skating (59288) **3.30** Ford Ski Report (1425288) **4.25** Figure Skating (75237511) **8.30** Eurosport News (5743) **9.00** Tennis: Sydney Open (45608) **10.30** Trans World Sport (86356) **11.30-12.00** Eurosport News (27849)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am Volleyball (15714) **8.00** Show Jumping (16443) **9.00** Ten Pin Bowling (10608) **10.00** Volleyball (40288) **11.00** Paris-Dakar Rally '93 (60917) **11.30** Basketball (85085) **1.30pm** Snooker (87004) **3.30** Paris-Dakar Rally '93 (5153) **4.00** Monster Trucks (4288) **4.30** Basketball (79086) **5.30** Longitude (4424) **6.00** Grundig Global Sport (1337) **6.30** Squash (30153) **7.30** Jubilee BBM Motorbike Festival (15646) **8.30** Paris-Dakar Rally '93 (3207) **9.00** Spanish Football (75337) **10.00** Football Europa (46998) **10.30** Ice Racing (55646) **11.00** Paris-Dakar Rally '93 (52998) **11.30** Grundig Global Sport (90795) **12.00-1.00am** Boxing (34979)

LIFESTYLE
10.00am The Spiral Zone (29207) **10.30** Rambo (49085) **11.00** Gloss (55085) **11.30** Joan Rivers (6886443) **12.15pm** Sally Jessy Raphael (1129917) **1.10** David Hamilton's People (77377240) **1.40** Sell-a-Vision (42203998) **2.10** Braken (5799171) **3.00** The New Newlywed Game (8511) **3.30** The Bill Dana Show (9379) **4.00** Dick Van Dyke Show (9356) **4.30** Gameshows (97462) **5.30** Sell-a-Vision (2820) **6.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (99578) **7.00** Sell-a-Vision (897646) **10.00** Videos (1420191) **2.30am** Top Five (85825)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (57904820) **6.15** Chorlton and the Wheelies (57909375) **6.30** Rudo Dog and the Dweebs (9083733) **7.00** Bravestarr (2448511) **7.30** Neighbours (2465646) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5001462) **8.30** EastEnders (5000733) **9.00** The Bill (5091085) **9.30** The Onedin Line (8336627) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (5080443) **11.30** Terry and June (8768563) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5011849) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7773288) **1.00** EastEnders (2445882) **1.30** The Bill (7772559) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo' (1097356) **2.30** French Fields (7875795) **3.00** Dallas (7618129) **4.00** Bravestarr (7899375) **4.30** Degrassi Junior High (7895559) **5.00** Neighbours (1088608) **5.30** Dr Who: The Genesis of the Daleks (7879511) **6.00** The Onedin Line (7781207) **7.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (1091172) **7.30** Terry and June (7896288) **8.00** EastEnders (1000820) **8.30** French Fields (1096627) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (1899578) **10.00** The Bill (5012578) **10.30** Carrott Confidential (5098998) **11.00** The Goodies (9696453) **11.30** Film: Five Came Back (1939, b/w): A plane crashes in the jungle. Starring Chester Morris and Lucille Ball (3812998) **12.45-1.30am** Video Bites (3405931)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew MacGregor, including Beethoven (Overture, Coriolan: Orchestra of the Eighteenth Century under Franz Brüggen); Saint-Saëns (Septet in E flat, Op 65: Nash Ensemble); Haydn (Symphony No 9 in C: Hanover Band under Roy Goodman); Bach (Concerto in D for two violins, BWV 1043: Simon Standage and Elizabeth Wilcock; English Concert under Trevor Pinnock)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Bohemians in Vienna. Beethoven, arr Vaclav Sedlak (Overture, Fidelio: London Wind Soloists under Jack Brymer); Jan Vorisek (Impromptu in A, Op 7 No 4: Dirk Joeres, piano); Antonin Reicha (Sequentia, Requiem Mass: Czech Philharmonic Chorus; Dvořák Chamber Orchestra under Lubomira Matl, with Venceslava Hruba-Freiberger, soprano, Anna Barova, contralto, Vladimir Dolezal, tenor, Ludek Vele bass); Pavel Vranicky (Symphony in C minor: Dvořák CO under Bohumil Gregor)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 11 in A minor: Claudio Arrau, piano); Paganini (Terzetto in D, Op 66: Paganini Ensemble); Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 9 in E flat: Claudio Arrau, piano); D'Indy (Jour d'été à la montagne, Op 61: French Radio PO under Marek Janowski); Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 10 in E: Claudio Arrau, piano); Paganini (Quartet No 9 in D: Paganini Ensemble); Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 13 in A minor: Claudio Arrau, piano)
12.00 Radu Lupu, piano, plays Schumann (Kinderszenen, Op 15; Etudes symphoniques, Op 13 and Op posth) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 York Early Music Festival: Yorkshire Bach Choir and the Yorkshire Baroque Soloists under Peter Seymour perform Handel's oratorio, *Semele*, to a libretto adapted from William Congreve. With Gillian Fisher in the title role, Margaret Cable as Juno and Timothy Wilson as Athamon



The pianist Radu Lupu (midday)

4.20 Bartók: Sonata No 1 (Sylvia Rosenberg, violin, Roger Vignoles, piano) (r)
5.00 In Tune: Edward Greenfield's guest is the American composer Michael Torke
7.30 Unfinished Symphony: Bruckner (Symphony No 9 in D minor: Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra under Zubin Mehta)
8.40 Words: Richard Hoggart reflects on language
8.45 Kathron Sturrock, piano, plays Dohnányi (Rhapsody in F sharp minor, Op 11 No 2) Schubert (Six Moments Musicaux, D780); Dohnányi (Rhapsody in C, Op 11 No 3) (r)
9.35 Wind Quintets: The Italian Wind Quintet performs Hindemith (Kleine Kammermusik, Op 24 No 2); Ligeti (Six Bagatelles); Carter (Quintet) (r)
10.15 The Myth-Maker: The American record producer George Avakian talks about his friendship with the trumpeter Louis Armstrong (r)
10.45 Night Waves, presented by Peter Holland
11.30 Dvořák Songs: Cypresses (Philip Langridge, tenor, Radoslav Kvapil, piano); Gypsy Melodies (Sarah Walker, mezzo, Roger Vignoles, piano)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (as Radio 5 at 1.05pm) **2.30-3.00 Night School Extra:** English study texts: *Hobson's Choice*

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am *Shipping Forecast* **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev Donald Knighton **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with Canon Paul Bates **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
9.30 Two People: Colin Semper meets Charles Clive Ponsonby Fane and Peregrine Palmer who, faced with soaring maintenance costs, had to decide whether to sell their historic family homes
10.00-10.30am News; Gentlemen and Ladies (FM only): Susan Hill's study of friendship and family ties in an English village. With Patricia Hayes, Stephanie Cole and Siân Phillips (s)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Screwtape Letters (LW only): Letters from a Senior to a Junior Devil, by C.S. Lewis. With Gerald Harper as Screwtape (1/15)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Sue Margolis investigates the benefits of modern plastic surgery. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 You and Yours, with Linda Lewis
12.25pm Boogie Up the River: Written and adapted by Mark Wallington. Starring Timothy Spall (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) (s) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Quelques Fleurs: The poet Liz Lochhead stars as Verena in her play about a woman who spends her time and money shopping. Stuart Hepburn is her oiling roughneck husband, Derek (s)
3.00-4.00 Against the Grain: 071-580 4444 (FM only). Liz Hodginkson argues: "Coupledom is bad for you."
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope meets the musician and composer Ian Dury; talks to Deborah Levy about her book *Swallowing Geography*; and reviews Terence Rattigan's *The Deep Blue Sea* (s)
4.45 Short Story: What Great Events, by W. Pett Ridge. Read by Brian Gear
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Harpoon (r) (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Return to Chile
● CHOICE: Sheila Cassidy, the British doctor arrested, tortured and finally expelled by the Chilean authorities in 1975, chose radio as the medium by which she planned to lay the demons of fear that have haunted her for the past 17 years. In the first of two programmes, shaped like diaries, she charts the stages by which she prepared herself last year to return to Chile for the first time since her horrific experiences. This is a gripping account of a genuine exorcism, told by an unusually intelligent exorcist (s)
8.00 Wide Awake in Ireland: In the second of three programmes on Ireland, John Waters examines the country's political system (s)
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? with Ted Harrison. For disabled listeners
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r) (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Mr Olim, by Ernest Raymond. Ian Holm reads the fourth of ten parts
11.00 Fear on 4: Playing God. John Graham's chilling tale looks at what might happen to young people sleeping rough on the streets of London. Introduced by Edward De Souza, the Man in Black (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** Mark Goodier's Mega Hits **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **9.00** In Concert: Ugly Kid Joe and The Electric Love Hogs **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Pull the Other One **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** Gloria Hunniford **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service: World News; **6.09** News About Britain; **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.15** Schools: Together — An Assembly for Schools **9.35** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** One Day in a Life: Mik Scarlet **1.05** Schools. Let's Make a Story; **1.20** Listening and Reading; **1.30** The Song Tree: Music Course, **1.45** In the News **2.10** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** The Island of Adventure (9/10) **8.00** Vibe! **9.30** The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner (final part) (r) **10.10** Eastern Beat, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

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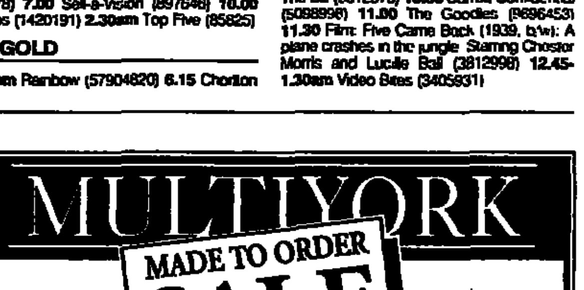
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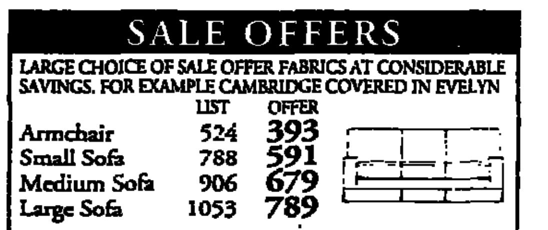
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Ukranian may replace Scottish forward

Tottenham ready to give Durie chance to leave

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

TOTTENHAM Hotspur look likely to offer Gordon Durie an exit visa from White Hart Lane and replace him with Oleg Salenko, a Ukranian forward. The Scottish international is unhappy in London, has lost his place in the Premier League side and is keen to return to Scotland and join Rangers — who are equally enthusiastic about recruiting him.

Durie's departure has, until now, been blocked, but will almost certainly be rubber-stamped if, as expected, Tottenham obtain a work permit for Salenko, who scored 14 goals for Dynamo Kiev last season. It will take around two weeks for the permit to be granted but the Department of Employment and Professional Footballers' Association are understood to be unlikely to oppose the move for the second highest scorer in domestic football in the former Soviet Union last year.

Tottenham have agreed a fee of around £750,000 for Salenko, who impressed when he spent a fortnight training with the north London club in October. Rangers, who recently had a £1.5 million offer for Durie rejected by Tottenham, have until Friday to sign players eligible for the forthcoming stages of the European Cup and they need to boost their Scottish personnel. Durie, 27, cost Tottenham £2.2 million when he arrived from Chelsea 18 months ago, but has failed to settle.

The only stumbling block is money since Tottenham want £3 million for Durie. Rangers could circumvent the problem by offering a part-exchange deal. One possible package may include Dale Gordon, 25, a winger whom Rangers signed from Norwich City for £1.2 million a year ago. Chelsea are also interested in Gordon.

Should the Salenko transfer break down, Tottenham could turn their attentions to another Scot. Andy Walker, Bolton Wanderers' leading scorer who was formerly with Celtic, has regularly been watched by scouts from White Hart Lane this season.

Keith Haslam, son of the former Luton Town manager Harry Haslam, has made an £800,000 offer to buy his father's old club. David Kohler, the managing director of the struggling first division side, has promised to consider the proposal from Haslam, a Sheffield-based businessman.

Julian Dicks, the West Ham United and England B international left back, has received a three-match suspension from the Football Association for his third sending off of the season. Dicks, 24, who was shown a red card on Sunday for a reckless tackle on Ted McMinn, of Derby County, in a first division match at the Baseball Ground, has been dismissed eight times in his career. He has also been fined almost two weeks' wages by West Ham and will miss the league games against Bristol City, Leicester City and Barnsley.

David Speedie could be signing for Portsmouth. Speedie, who is a Southampton player but is nearing the end of a three-month loan period at Birmingham City, had talks with Jim Smith, the Portsmouth manager, before Birmingham's first division game at Swindon Town on Tuesday night. "We talked and he may join us," Smith, who has taken Portsmouth into the first division promotion zone, said.

Brighton are due in the High Court today to defend an action from an Australian club, Sunshine George Cross, who claim they are owed £25,000 for Dave Clarkson, a midfield player signed last season when he made 13 appearances for Brighton.

The second division club, which is £2.5 million in debt, will be back in the High Court next month when they will face a winding-up order from the Inland Revenue which claims it is owed £380,000 in unpaid PAYE tax by Brighton.

Kendall's woes, page 42

FA CUP

Chalmers recovers to tackle Irish

BY ALAN LORIMER

CRAIG Chalmers is almost certain to play at stand-off half for Scotland against Ireland at Murrayfield on Saturday, after recovering from a case of shin splints.

Chalmers, who was unable to play for Melrose at the weekend, trained with the team yesterday afternoon at Murrayfield, where conditions had improved greatly, with the undersoil heating helping to melt the snow covering of the previous day.

Alan Sharp, the Bristol loose-head prop who will fill the position vacated by David Sole, has also been passed fit after recovering from bruising of the lower leg.

Nevertheless the Scottish selectors have taken the precaution of adding Alan Watt, of Glasgow High-Kelvinside, to the squad.

The session yesterday afternoon, followed by another for the forwards last night, provided intensified preparation for the Scots, who will train for a third time in private today at Murrayfield. An additional session tomorrow will amount to little more than a public relations exercise.

Cooke's goal, page 39



Sitting pretty: Timina has settled in well at Market Drayton, where she hopes to continue her association with the Grove club

Timina's home-hunting receives her best shot

Richard Eaton on the unlikely alliance that has formed between a Moscow table tennis player and a determined club in Staffordshire

ELENA Timina, the best-known woman table tennis player in Russia, is prepared to go to great lengths — more than 1,500 miles in fact — to buy herself a flat in Moscow. Her home-hunting has brought her to Market Drayton in Staffordshire, where she has taken up a professional position with the local club, NFD Grove.

Timina, 23, whose boyfriend is an actor, has exchanged "a crazy, more emotional life" in Moscow theatrical circles for a comfortable but sleepy existence in a town of 8,000 people. She arrived three months ago to raise money but she has not been the only one to gain. Already Grove have reached the semi-final of the European Cup, with every prospect of going further.

The defensive skills that helped her country to a bronze medal in the last European championships are now helping Britain become more successful at table tennis, as well as helping her prosperity.

All this is due to entrepreneurial flair from an unexpected source. Ian Marshall, a French teacher, has made a local school in a pleasant provincial backwater into a base for a booming club containing 43 tables, 250 members and a fistful of international players. Among them are Desmond Douglas, the former European Top 12 champion, and Lisa Lomas, the European silver medal-winner.

Timina joined them after meeting Marshall two years ago when her club, Trades Union Moscow, gave Grove a heavy beating in the European Cup. "She asked to help," Marshall said. "You wonder what you are letting yourself in for. When she first came she walked into the room for two minutes and then wanted to go into town shopping. What bothered me was whether she was going to practise or was she thinking 'here is some easy money'. But she has been marvellous."

Timina will earn "several thousand pounds" for four months' work through her agreement with Grove. However small the figure, it is more than she can command in Russia and she can save most of it because she has free accommodation and transport.

Leading table tennis players are richly rewarded these days. Chen Xinhua is earning £100,000 a year by playing in the German league and exhibitions while Alan Cooke the English No. 4, would expect a third of that. Douglas was earning somewhere in between those two at his peak in the mid-1980s.

The money in table tennis comes from individual club sponsors (National Fuel Distributors, in Grove's case), car sponsors and accommodation provided. Grove, however, are an exception and the British league has not taken off quite like its German equivalent.

Timina's initial image was unfairly sharpened a year ago when she and Irina Palina were window shopping in Birmingham when they were due to play in the finals of the English Open. An official had failed to speak to the Russians about a change of start time and had relied on slipping a note under the door of their hotel room. "I was very angry with a journalist who wrote we decided to shop instead of playing table tennis," Timina, who went on to win the final anyway, after the organisers agreed to delay it, said.

Timina has, in fact, been diligent in her practice, an excellent team member and a valuable coach twice a week to the youngsters at the Grove club. She has been conspicuously successful, too, losing only twice all season in this country and beating several men in the British league. "I think sometimes some of them get upset," she says. "One spectator asked my opponent, why are you losing? He said you try — and gave them his bat."

Indeed, Timina often does better against men because they are more aggressive, providing speed from which her subtly dangerous defensive chop can achieve more back spin. "Men have to have a go and steam in at her," Marshall said. "That's what she wants. Men can't accept that you have to stop playing against her. Don't play, lob it up, push it back."

She would play here again, she says, but not settle in the west. Her lifetime earnings in Russia amount to no more than $1,500 and she likes being treated as one of the family over here. But, yes, we are too materialistic, she says.

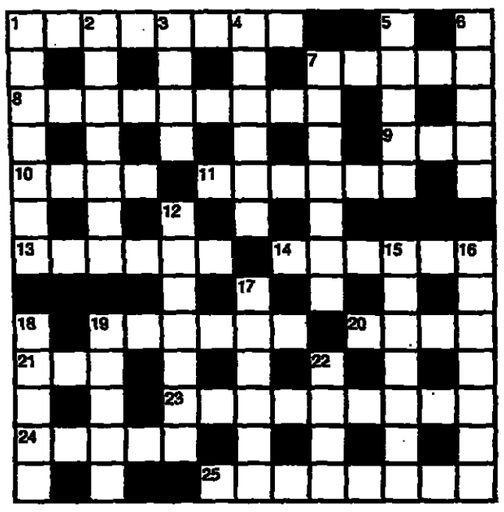
She hopes to play for Grove for another two years, particularly if Marshall can help alleviate the home-sickness by financing three or four flights home a season. By then, Grove hope she will have helped them to the European Cup. Then, everyone would be happy.

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Dab hand: Timina's form has been impressive

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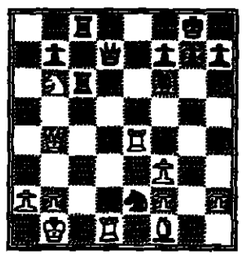
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is a variation from the game Short — Miles, Brighton 1984. Short avoided this position because it looks as if black has landed a nasty tactical blow by moving his knight to e2. Was his caution justified?



Solution on page 39

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

TECLA
a. A mountain stratum
b. Kind of artificial pearl
c. A Roman necklace for men

PADANG
a. A playing-field
b. A curved dagger
c. A hollowed-out canoe

MERBAU
a. The obsolete Nordic ox
b. A hardwood timber
c. A primitive oriental violin

BUTYROMETER
a. A butter measurer
b. A carpet-cutter
c. A smell meter

Answers on page 39

Indian board blocks switch to Delhi

FROM PETER BALL IN DELHI

ENGLAND have lost the first round in the bargaining to rearrange the first one-day cricket international against India, which was due to take place on Saturday. After some successful filibustering over the last 48 hours, the Indian board (BCCI) said it was too short notice for the game, originally planned for Ahmedabad, to be staged in Delhi the same day. It will now be played later in the tour, if at all.

"We were told that it was not possible to arrange a match for Saturday," Bob Bennett, the England tour manager, said last night after England's nine-wicket defeat by the Indian Board President's XI here.

The decision not to stage the game, which was to have been the first of six one-day internationals, in Ahmedabad was finally taken late on Monday when the game's hosts, the Gujarat Cricket Association, informed the Indian board that the riots in the city meant that it could not go ahead.

"With hindsight, perhaps it should have been postponed earlier," Bennett said. "That would have given more time for it to be rearranged."

Even so, the failure to do so is a blow to England, who were keen for the original tour schedule to be followed as much as possible. Now, three games have had to be altered, and instead of the one-day international they will play a scratch side organised by Bishen Bedi in Delhi tomorrow before travelling to Jaipur in preparation for what is now the first one-day international, on Monday.

"It is frustrating in the circumstances," Bennett said, "but there are logistical problems in a country this size, and we have to understand that."

The board's refusal to accept the offer of the Delhi Cricket Association to stage the match on Saturday, however, leads to suspicions that cricket politics are involved. The board will put its new proposals for rearranging the fixture to Bennett in the next few days.

They seem likely to try once again to persuade England to agree to a change in Test dates in order to accommodate the game before either the second or first Tests, in Madras or Calcutta respectively. England have so far refused to countenance this, and seem determined to stick to their guns. "We do not believe that the Test matches should be moved," Bennett said.

There is one other possibility, although it is far from ideal. It would involve playing the match on the last day of the tour, in Madras, leaving just enough time for the team to catch the evening flight to Colombo.

England outplayed, page 40

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